

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 803**  
**Asked on Wednesday, 16 June 2021**

**MR M HART** ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to referrals on page 4 and 5 of the 'Investigating subcontractor non-payment in the Queensland building industry' Special Joint Taskforce Report—

Will the Minister advise what outcome came from referrals made to the QBCC?

**ANSWER**

In July 2019 the Taskforce made 40 referrals to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) for it to action as appropriate. A further 2 referrals to the QBCC were received post-finalisation of the Special Joint Taskforce report.

The QBCC has taken action where appropriate as a result of its investigation of referrals made by the Special Joint Taskforce.

All QBCC investigations commenced as a result of referrals from the Taskforce are now completed with the following outcomes:

- Court Prosecution – 1 (Failure to Pay Adjudicated Amount)
- Brief Submitted recommending prosecution – 1 (False Information to QBCC)
- Infringement Notices Issued – 6 (4 for Unlawful Building Work, 2 for Failure to Pay Adjudicated Amount, Failure to provide payment schedule)
- Disciplinary Action Taken – 1
- Official Warning – 4
- Banning/Excluding Individual – 2 persons considered, 1 excluded for 3 years
- Public Warning – 2 circumstances considered, 0 public warnings issued (no potential future risks identified)
- Reviews of cases previously closed – 5. In each case, it was determined that cases were appropriately investigated at the time the complaint was received.
- No further action - 23. This was determined for a number of reasons, with consideration given to previous investigations and enforcement action taken, insufficient evidence, the statutory limitations for prosecutions and investigations carried out by other agencies.

There are 45 outcomes noted, which is higher than the number of referrals received. This is because referrals often related to multiple entities or issues and therefore could generate more than a single outcome.

In addition to these outcomes, some matters were referred to other law enforcement agencies. It is not appropriate to comment further on these at this time.