

Question on Notice
No. 640
Asked on 22 June 2022

Mr A Powell asked Premier and Minister for the Olympics (Hon. A Palaszcuk)—

QUESTION:

Will the Premier advise how many public servants were suspended on pay as of (a) 1 January 2020, (b) 1 September 2020, (c) 1 January 2021, (d) 1 January 2022 and (e) 13 May 2022 (reported separately by government department or agency)?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Public Service Commission (PSC) that suspension data is collated as at 30 June and 31 December each year. It includes data for public servants, and health staff employed under the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* and does not include sworn police officers.

I am advised by the PSC that the number of employees suspended for disciplinary and non-disciplinary reasons by agency as at the available dates as closely aligned to the dates requested by the member are (a) 31 December 2019 – 215, (b) 30 June 2020 – 246, (c) 31 December 2020 – 209, and (d) 31 December 2021 – 427.

In relation to (e), as noted, suspension data for 13 May 2022 is not available and I am advised that the data as at 30 June 2022 is currently being collated by the PSC and is not available at this time.