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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by MISS C BURCH MLA:

State of the Service Report, B.2 Performance Analysis - Workforce Strategies

In relation to: Ethical Behaviour, Professional Standards and Complaint Management



1. How many misconduct investigations, by directorate, were initiated by the Public Sector Standards Commissioner during 2017-18?
2. Why were fewer than half of the misconduct investigations received during 2017-18 completed during the financial year?
3. How many misconduct investigations is the Public Sector Standards Commissioner expected to complete within a year?

Chief Minister: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1.

Directorate or other entity	Investigation requests initiated (2017-18)
CIT	4
CMTEDD	7
CSD	3
Education	20
EPSD	0
Health	17
JACS	17
TCCS	5
Totals	73

Figures include full investigations and admission statements.

2. The time required to complete misconduct investigations varies depending on a number of factors, including complexity of the matter, number and nature of allegations, availability of witnesses and the respondent for interviews, and workload within the Professional Standards Unit. Depending on when in the year matters are received, investigations may span financial years.

Of the 73 matters received during the year, 35 were completed, 6 were withdrawn, and 32 remained open at the end of financial year. Of those 32 matters, 19 were resolved within the