

Freedom of Information Act Request

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Subject: Enforcement action 2019/20

Question(s):

- 1. Can you tell me how many inspections have been carried out by the GLAA from 1/4/2019 to the 31/3/2020.
- 2. Can you tell me how many search warrants have been obtained by the GLAA under Section 8 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 from 1/4/2019 to the 31/3/2020.
- 3. Can you tell me how many prosecutions the GLAA have instigated under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 from 1/4/2019 to the 31/3/2020.

Response:

- 1. A total of 213 inspection cases were tasked during the period 1/4/2019 to the 31/3/2020. Please note, inspections tasked towards the end of this period may be carried through to the next business year for completion.
- 2. During the period 01/04/2019 31/03/2020 we obtained a total of 44 warrants to undertake searches. The GLAA's powers under PACE enable it to obtain warrants under section 8. Our powers also enable a warrant following the process in section 9 and Schedule 1 of PACE if it is considered that a warrant might identify evidence that could be classed as "special procedure material". Furthermore, the GLAA's pre-existing powers under the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004, section 17, enabled it to apply for a non-PACE warrant for entry and search. 36 of the records specifically referred to PACE or section 8), though a small number may not have been under PACE or s8 warrants specifically, but the other situation in which warrants could be obtained, as explained.
- 3. The GLAA instigated one prosecution under the Modern Slavery Act during the period 1/4/2019 to the 31/3/2020.