



Parliamentary Question – GLA investigations and prosecutions since 2010

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Asked by: David Hanson MP

Question:

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many:
(a) investigations of and (b) prosecutions for illegal gangmaster activity there have been in each year since 2010?

Response:

The data in the following tables is management information collated by the Gangmasters Licensing Authority (GLA). The data relates only to investigations involving the GLA and prosecutions initiated by the GLA in relation to the offences in the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004. The investigations data includes GLA-only investigations as well as those in which GLA have worked jointly with partner agencies (including the police forces, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, National Crime Agency and the UK Human Trafficking Centre).

Over time the GLA has undertaken a reduced number of more complex investigations which focus more effectively on serious and organised crime. This reflects a targeting and risk-based enforcement approach by the GLA. Only one GLA-initiated prosecution has ever failed to return a conviction.

See tables below.

Investigations

Year	Number of investigations
2014 year to date	65
2013	76
2012	86
2011	134
2010	107
Total	468

Court Prosecutions

Offence	S 12	S 13	S 18	Total
2014 year to date	2	1	0	3
2013	7	15	0	22
2012	12	3	0	15
2011	5	1	0	6
2010	14	4	1	19
Total	40	24	1	65