

Freedom of Information Act Request

Ref: FOI 2018 - 8 Date issued: 3 April 2018

Subject: Number of referrals the GLAA has made to the Police or UKVI or Home Office Immigration Enforcement for 'immigration crime' in the past three years.

Question(s) asked and answer(s):

Request No 1:

How many referrals has the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority made to the Police or UKVI or Home Office Immigration Enforcement for 'immigration crime' in the past three years? Please break this down by, body referred to, year, and if possible the nature of the offence.

Request No 2:

How many joint inspections with Home Office Immigration Enforcement has the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority carried out in the past three years? Please break this down by year and if possible the nature / type of the inspection, and proportion of total inspections.

Our Response

The spreadsheet provides a breakdown of the data requested. In our duty to assist we would like to draw your attention to the following:

In terms of Intelligence/information referrals:

- The focus of the GLAA is on protecting vulnerable and exploited workers not immigration.
- The GLAA refer all matters to a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) and therefore we do not hold data on which department within Home Office Immigration they subsequently refer it on to.
- The intelligence material we provide them is a small fraction of the overall reports we record as an organisation and we have no data on the outcome of any dissemination.
- Some of the earlier referrals included matters which at that time the GLAA did not have the powers to respond to (but now do).

In terms of Operations:

- The number of cases involving joint working with the Immigration authorities is very small in comparison to the overall number of cases tasked.
- Some cases involve multi-agency activity covering a wide range of issues.
- Most enforcement activity where joint work has occurred relates to the nonregulated sectors.

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2	015	2016		20	17
Total Intelligence Reports Recorded	4850	Total Intelligence Reports Recorded	2926	Total Intelligence Reports Recorded	3547
Disseminated to HOIE SPOC	55	Disseminated to HOIE SPOC	7	Disseminated to HOIE SPOC	27
Potential illegal entry/working	17	Potential illegal entry/working	3	Potential illegal entry/working	15
General Information re Travel	27	General Information re Travel	0	General Information re Travel	6
Employee Irregularities	4	Employee Irregularities	0	Employee Irregularities	0
Travel Irregularities	1	Travel Irregularities	0	Travel Irregularities	0
Work Permit Irregularity	1	Work Permit Irregularity	1	Work Permit Irregularity	0
General Information	4	General Information	3	General Information	6
Sham Marriage	1	Sham Marriage	0	Sham Marriage	0

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2015		2016		2017	
Total Cases Tasked	366	Total Cases Tasked	266	Total Cases Tasked	409
Total cases Involving Joint Working with HOIE	3	Total cases Involving Joint Working with HOIE	1	Total cases Involving Joint Working with HOIE	6
Enforcement Case - regulated Sector	2	Enforcement Case - regulated Sector		Enforcement Case - Non regulated Sector	4
Multi Agency operation	1	Multi Agency operation	1	Enforcement Case - regulated Sector	0
				Multi Agency operation	1
				Compliance Inspection - regulated sectors	1