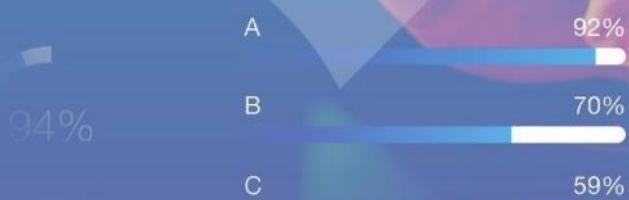


## Overview of serious misconduct

Quarter 1 2020/2021



The Commission is continually improving and developing methods of capturing allegation data and recently implemented a new allegation category classification system that enhances the monitoring of serious misconduct allegations.

This quarterly report includes two new Public Sector categories: Department of Communities and the Transport portfolio. The Transport portfolio includes the Department of Transport, Public Transport Authority and Main Roads WA. Since the 2017 Machinery of Government changes, the Department of Communities includes the former Child Protection and Family Services, Housing Authority and Disability Services.

The allegation category data contained in this report cannot be compared to all previous quarterly reports produced by the Commission. However, the information in this report has been re-categorised for comparison purposes to the previous financial year.

- During Q1 2020/21, the Commission received a total of 753 notifications of serious misconduct relating to 44 agencies from which, 1,708 allegations were created.
- Reporting from authorities accounted for just over half of all allegations created (n=915), slightly higher than allegations created from notifications received from members of the public (n=757).
- WA Police Force total allegation numbers (n=997) increased by around ten per cent with the associated top five allegations categories ranked the same as the previous quarter.
- The allegation category, Benefit/Detriment, remains the most commonly inferred category for notifications of serious misconduct across the public sector (excluding the WA Police Force).

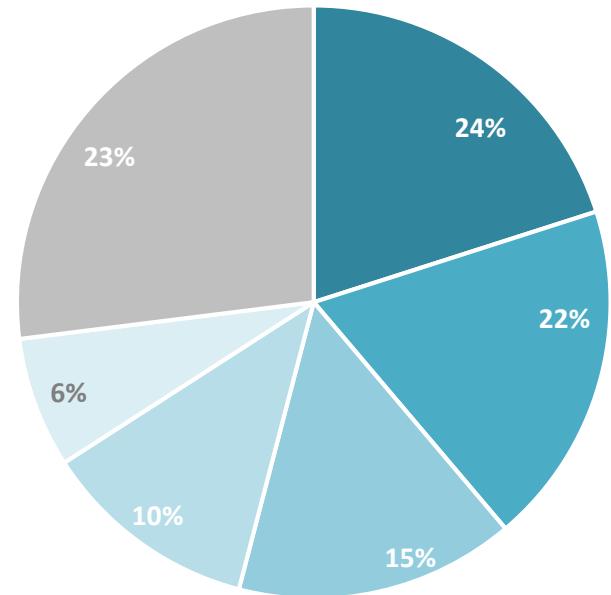


# QUARTER 1 2020/2021 AT A GLANCE

## WA POLICE FORCE

### Allegation categories

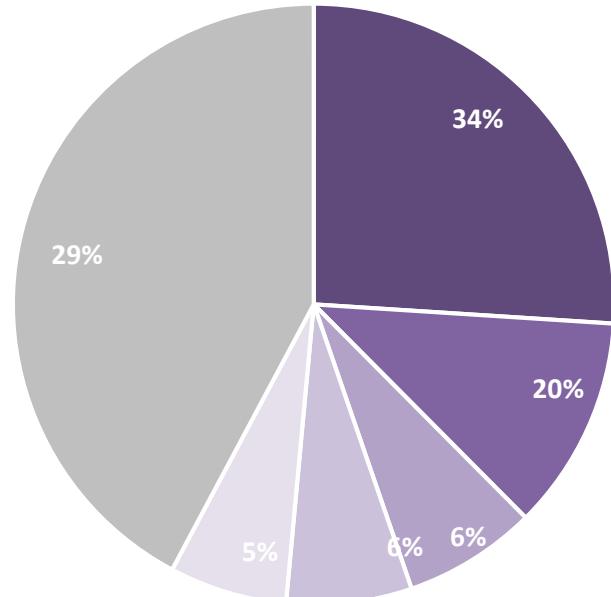
Neglect of duty	200 allegations
Unprofessional conduct	187 allegations
Breach of procedure or policy	152 allegations
Assault	118 allegations
Benefit/Detriment	71 allegations
All other allegations	269 allegations



## PUBLIC SECTOR (minus the WA Police Force)

### Allegation categories

Benefit/Detriment	185 allegations
Fraud/Falsification	82 allegations
Assault	51 allegations
Corrupt conduct	48 allegations
Unlawful use of computer	45 allegations
All other allegations	300 allegations



Allegations were identified between 1 July and 30 September 2020 from notifications received by the Commission.

	Q2 2019/20	Q3 2019/20	Q4 2019/20	Q1 2020/21
<b>NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS IDENTIFIED</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>1,708</b>

**Table 1. Public Sector allegations**

Public Sector Agency/Sector	Q2 2019/20	Q3 2019/20	Q4 2019/20	Q1 2020/21
	No.	No.	No.	No.
WA Police Force	730	730	906	997
Local government Authorities	121	122	110	147
Other Independent Agencies/Authorities	89	119	121	119
Department of Justice	79	93	122	104
Department of Education	154	28	33	100
WA Health Sector	110	88	129	84
Subject agency not within jurisdiction	63	71	71	75
Transport Portfolio	48	25	54	50
Department of Communities	97	60	48	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>1,708</b>

**Table 2. Allegation source**

Section reported under	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Notifications from notifying authorities	s 28	860	58%	617	46%	763	48%	915	53.5%
Reports from the public	s 25	615	41%	682	51%	754	47%	757	44%
Public Sector Commission	s 45M(d)	16	1%	33	2.5%	45	3%	32	2%
Commission's own proposition	s 26	-	0%	4	0.5%	32	2%	4	0.5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,491</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 3. Allegations: WA Police Force top five by category**

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Neglect of duty	181	25%	158	22%	226	25%	200	20%
Unprofessional conduct	108	15%	104	14%	163	18%	187	19%
Breach of procedure or policy	155	21%	175	24%	167	18%	152	15%
Assault	77	11%	94	13%	94	10%	118	12%
Benefit/Detriment	28	4%	36	5%	31	3%	71	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>73%</b>

**Table 4. Allegations: Local Government top five by category**

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Benefit/Detriment	33	27%	30	24%	29	26%	61	41%
Fraud/Falsification	3	2%	10	8%	9	8%	14	9%
Corrupt conduct	2	1.5%	17	14%	21	19%	11	7%
Failure to lodge	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	7	5%
Unlawful disclosure	0	0%	1	1%	11	10%	6	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>66%</b>

**Table 5. Allegations: WA Health Sector top five by category**

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Fraud/Falsification	9	8%	11	12.5%	16	12%	16	19%
Benefit/Detriment	25	23%	17	19%	11	8.5%	14	17%
Corrupt conduct	1	1%	3	3%	12	9%	10	12%
Assault	4	4%	4	4%	7	5%	8	9%
Unlawful use of computer	40	36%	10	11%	24	18%	7	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49.5%</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>52.5%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65%</b>

**Table 6. Allegations: Department of Justice top five by category**

Allegation Category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Benefit/Detriment	20	25%	28	30%	11	9%	25	24%
Fraud/Falsification	6	7.5%	4	4%	7	6%	17	16%
Unlawful use of computer	3	4%	5	5%	8	6.5%	7	7%
Criminal conduct	8	10%	3	3%	10	8%	6	6%
Unlawful disclosure	1	1%	5	5%	7	6%	5	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35.5%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58%</b>

**Table 7. Allegations: Department of Education by category**

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Assault	138	90%	6	21%	0	0%	28	28%
Benefit/Detriment	3	2%	6	21%	6	18%	20	20%
Fraud/Falsification	2	1%	1	3.5%	2	6%	10	10%
Criminal conduct	2	1%	4	14%	0	0%	6	6%
Unprofessional conduct	1	.5%	2	7%	1	3%	5	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69%</b>

**Table 8. Allegations: Transport portfolio top five by category**

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Unlawful use of computer	32	66%	13	52%	21	38%	14	28%
Benefit/Detriment	4	8%	3	12%	14	25%	13	26%
Assault	0	0%	4	16%	1	2%	6	12%
Corrupt conduct	1	2%	0	0%	8	15%	4	8%
Fraud/Falsification	2	4%	1	4%	2	3%	3	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>80%</b>

**Table 9. Allegations: Department of Communities top five by category**

Allegation Category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Benefit/Detriment	19	19%	21	35%	11	23%	8	25%
Corrupt conduct	63	65%	9	15%	11	23%	7	22%
Fraud/Falsification	2	2%	4	6%	1	2%	2	6%
Criminal conduct	1	1%	4	6%	3	6%	2	6%
Breach of procedure or policy	1	1%	2	3%	0	0%	1	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>62%</b>