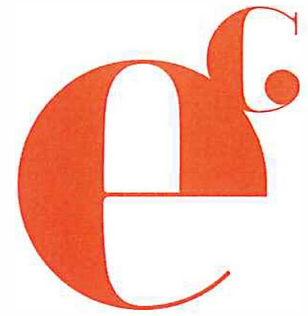


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EDUCATION COUNCIL
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Dear Ms

RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982

Thank you for your email of 16 February 2017 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), requesting information about complaints made to the Education Council. You asked:

- I would like to know the number of complaints made, and notifications of, dismissals and serious misconduct charges, by year from 2008 to 2017, and also by type of employer i.e. Corporate (Evolve, Best Start/Kidicorp), Private, Kindergarten, Community crèche.*

We are only able to provide statistics on these matters from January 2013. Prior to this date, we kept information in a different format and did not record the information requested. I am therefore refusing your request for information from 2008 to the end of 2012, under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist. Furthermore, we do not keep full records of the type of employer and again I must refuse this part of your request under the Act.

Our records show that from January 2013 to February 2017:

- There were 537 complaints about conduct and competence in the early childhood sector made to the Education Council. (I have interpreted your question to mean complaints from all sources, including mandatory reports, notifications of conviction, and complaints from other sources). The annual figures are as follows:

2013 - 86
2014 - 122
2015 - 134
2016 - 159
2017 - 36

- Eleven of these complaints were referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal as incidences of serious misconduct. The annual figures are as follows:

2013 - 4
2014 - 3
2015 - 3
2016 - 1

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- Eight teachers from the ECE sector had their registration cancelled from 2013 to 2017. (I have interpreted this part of your query to mean teachers who had their registrations to teach cancelled. Dismissal can also mean when the case against them was dismissed and no further action taken. It can also mean teachers dismissed by a school even though their registration to teach had not been cancelled). The annual figures are as follows:

2013 - 0

2014 - 4

2015 - 3

2016 - 1

2017 - 0

I hope that this response is useful for your purposes, but if you require further information on this, or you feel that I have misinterpreted your questions, please let me know. If you are not satisfied with my reply you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman, who can be contacted by writing to: The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143, or emailing: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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