

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

Report on the inquiry into the operations of the Home Building Service

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Table 5.1 on page 69. This table provides an interstate comparison of compliance activities in respect of home builders in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. The table was copied from the submission from the Office of Fair Trading, but without qualifying information contained in the footnotes to the table.

The Queensland Building Services Authority has advised the Committee that data included in the table concerning the Queensland regulatory scheme is inaccurate and thus incorrectly portrays the operation of the scheme in Queensland.

The Authority further advised that accurate figures on the operation of the Queensland scheme for 2005-06 are available in the Queensland Building Services Authority Annual Report for that year. Correct figures concerning the operation of the scheme in 2005/06 are reproduced below:

- Number of successful prosecutions completed: 43
- Total value of fines: \$233,042
- Number of disciplinary inquiries completed: 55
- Licences cancelled: 2,568
- Licences suspended: 8,010
- Licensees who had demerit points listed against their licence: 92
- Total number of demerit points issued: 714
- Complaints received: 5,021
- Number of compliance investigations (breaches of legislation): 325
- Number of penalty notices issued (breaches of legislation): 1,290
- Value of penalty notices issued: \$630,862
- Licensees excluded for financial failure:
 - 98 licensees (62 individuals and 36 companies) were excluded from holding a BSA licence for 5 years, due to their involvement in a financial failure.
 - 15 individual licensees were excluded from holding a BSA licence for life, due to their involvement in a second financial failure
- Investigations into unlicensed contracting:
 - 746 investigations into allegations of unlicensed contracting were undertaken
 - In addition to this, 4 major licensing audits were undertaken, which involved interviewing 4,151 contractors.

Paragraph 6.39 on page 83 of the report indicates that the Queensland Home Warranty Insurance Scheme provides cover up to a maximum of \$200,000. This figure should read \$400,000.