



NSW Police Force

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Dear Ms Cusack, *Catherine,*

I refer to your letter, dated 22 May 2013, seeking information on the number and outcomes of complaints made by NSW Police officers about other NSW Police officers.

The total numbers of such complaints are set out in the table below:

Year:	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Complaints by police about police:	2109	2073	1992	1769	1695

Counts of complaint outcomes are rather more complicated. This is because:

- a complaint can have more than one issue and can be about more than one officer;
- over the period of interest (ie, 2008-2012) changes in policy saw a shift away from the use of “resolved” as an outcome in favour of the clearer “sustained” or “not sustained”;
- some complaints are declined (matters that are being addressed by other means such as court or tribunal);
- some complaint investigations have not been finalised; and
- sometimes it is not possible to identify the officer who is the proper subject of the complaint.



These considerations are relevant when interpreting the complaint outcome data below which count the number of issues “not sustained”, “resolved” or “sustained” against NSW police officers who were the subject of an internal complaint.

Year:	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Not Sustained	824	1568	1488	1371	1236
Resolved	153	214	80	57	2
Sustained	1310	2378	2254	1790	1891

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you have any questions please contact Assistant Commissioner Michael Fuller, Commander, Professional Standards Command on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Commissioner of Police

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