



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
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Deputy Terence Flanagan
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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Dear Deputy,

The Minister has referred PQ No: PQ 10606/14 to the Health Service Executive for direct reply.

Question:

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide in tabular form, by year, the number of inspections that have been undertaken under the national tobacco control inspection programme from 2009 to end the of 2013 to ascertain compliance with smoke-free workplace legislation; sales to minors legislation and prohibitions on display and advertising at the point of sale; the number of compliant inspections; the number of cases brought and the number of convictions as a result of these cases; if any of these inspections have been conducted in casual markets and fairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Response:

The numbers requested are tabulated below. We are unable to separate inspections that have been conducted in casual markets and fairs.

Smokefree				
Year	No. of Inspections	No. of Compliant Inspections	No. of Cases	No. of Convictions
2009	23140	22574	25	19
2010	17116	16796	13	11
2011	15381	15009	21	22
2012	15565	15287	17	13
2013	12489	12178	23	32

Sales to Minor				
Year	No. of Inspections	No. of Compliant Inspections	No. of Cases	No. of Convictions
2009	505	438	8	6
2010	402	329	12	8
2011	258	226	1	1
2012	316	268	5	2
2013	300	243	17	16



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The following tables detail the relevant statistics for actions associated with Point of product display and Advertising. Please note that the majority of these cases are taken in conjunction with other tobacco cases e.g. smokefree.

Point of sale product display				
Year	No. inspections	No. of Compliant Inspections	No. of Cases	No. of Convictions
2009	4694	4108	0	0
2010	5882	5480	0	0
2011	5027	4745	0	0
2012	4666	4417	1	0
2013	3930	3770	2	1

Advertising				
Year	No. inspections	No. of Compliant Inspections	No. of Cases	No. of Convictions
2009	5547	4770	0	0
2010	6716	6263	1	1
2011	5724	5427	1	0
2012	5263	5026	1	0
2013	4696	4563	4	2

I trust this answers your question, but if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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