



Gangmasters &
Labour Abuse Authority

CEO Quarterly Report

March 2018

Introduction

The opening two months of 2018 have seen the GLAA react to the devastating loss of our chief executive Paul Broadbent by ensuring key stakeholders, both strategic and operational, remain confident in our capability to deliver services aimed at reducing exploitation in the workplace.

This was amply demonstrated during a visit to the GLAA's national headquarters by Sir Philip Rutnam, Permanent Secretary to the Home Office, who met a number of colleagues and commented that the GLAA is doing 'excellent work.'

The funeral of Paul Broadbent in late January saw colleagues join with hundreds of other mourners to say a sad and poignant farewell. Our commitment now is to build on Paul's astonishing legacy and see the GLAA enhance its reputation further by increasing its effectiveness.

Our business plan for the coming year has now been developed and sees us committed to playing a leading role in the prevention of labour exploitation and increasing our operational capability.

The first two months off the year have already seen significant enforcement activity and we expect that trajectory to continue through 2018. At the same time, we will develop sound financial plans which allow for ongoing growth whilst ensuring the GLAA plays its part in delivering efficiency savings as an Arm's Length Body of the Home Office.

Finally, the GLAA would like to place on record its thanks to Theresa May who opened the February meeting of her Prime Minister's Anti-Slavery Taskforce (of which the GLAA is a member) with a personal tribute to Paul Broadbent.

Finance

A full budget paper is presented in a separate paper

Human Resources

A comprehensive report giving members an update on the GLAA's HR activity for the last six months is presented in a separate paper.

Communications and Engagement

January and February continued to see an increase in the GLAA's media coverage with almost 1,000 separate news articles in print and online news outlets. These were predominantly positive in nature, with the bulk reporting on our operational activity.

Featured topics included enforcement activity targeting labour exploitation on construction sites in London, the arrest of Romanian suspects in Cambridgeshire, an illegal Gangmaster jailed for five years in the West Midlands and supporting a nationwide NCA operation.

Our Modern Slavery film (which premiered at the GLAA national conference in October) was shortlisted for an award by the charity Unchosen.

Freedom of Information Requests

| 2017-18 | FOI Totals | Subjects | | | | |
|--------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------|
| Quarter | | Capital budget | Staffing & salaries | Licensing | Operations and tactics | IT |
| Apr - Jun | 9 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| July - Sep | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Oct - Dec | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Jan - Feb | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Total | 33 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 3 |

Subjects covered:

- Existing and forthcoming contracts which cover enforcement activity and recovery of debt
- The software used by the Media/Communications team to manage press enquiries and length of any contracts associated with the tools we use
- Apex Court energy purchase and use
- GLAA use of social media
- UK human trafficking data for research dissertation
- Information regarding delegates that attended the GLAA Academy workshops

Parliamentary Questions

| 2017-18 | PQ Totals | Subjects | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Quarter | | Finance | Operational | Powers | Staffing | Board |
| Apr - June | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| July - Sep | 7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Oct - Dec | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Jan - Feb | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 13 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 6 |

Subjects covered:

- Home Office data sharing agreements with partner agencies to enable data to be shared for the purposes of tackling modern slavery.