

# The Effects of Bid Protests on the Acquisition System

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# The Protest System

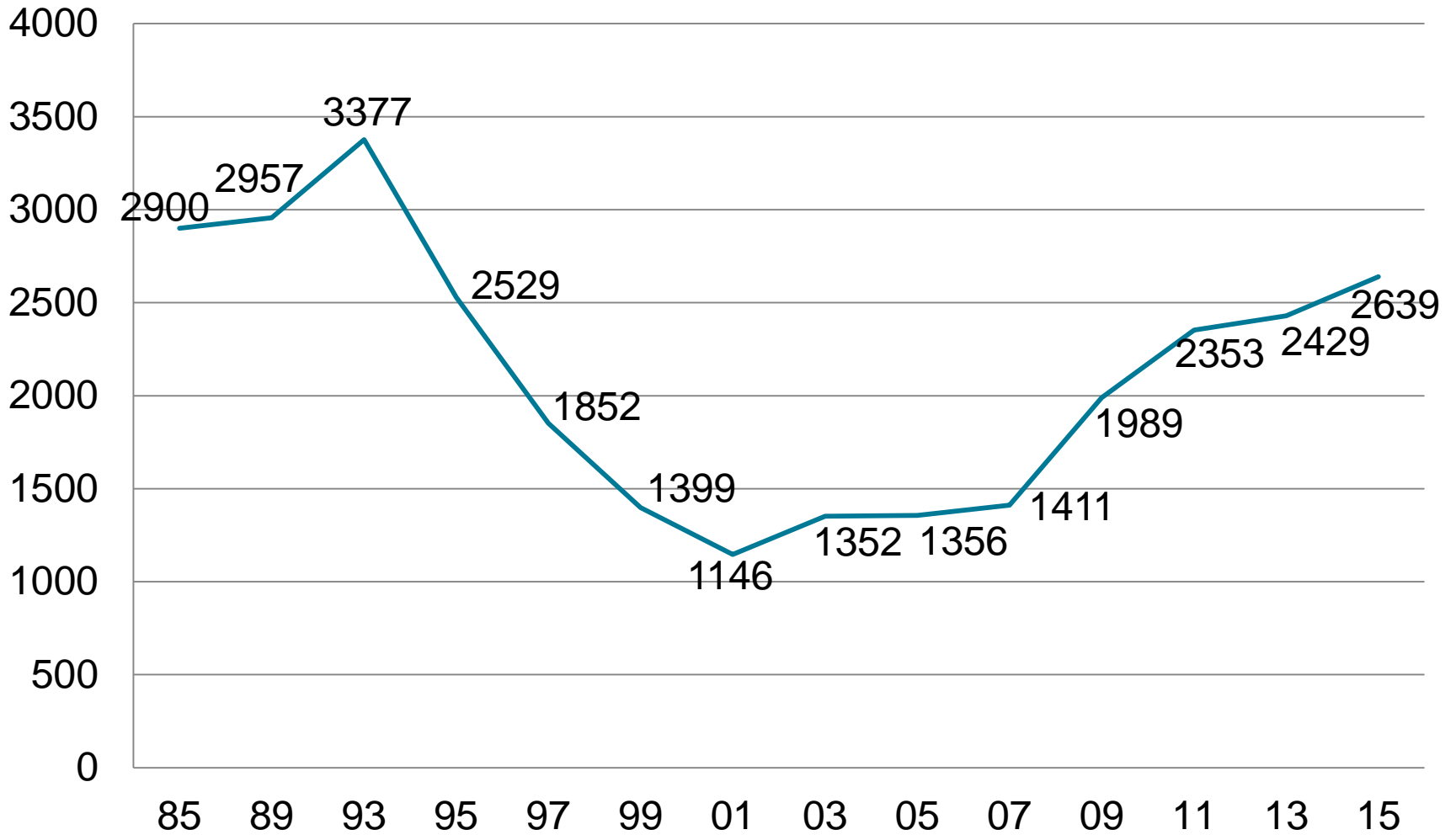
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- Competing goals:
  - Providing accountability and oversight
  - Limiting delay and disruption
  
- A delicate balance

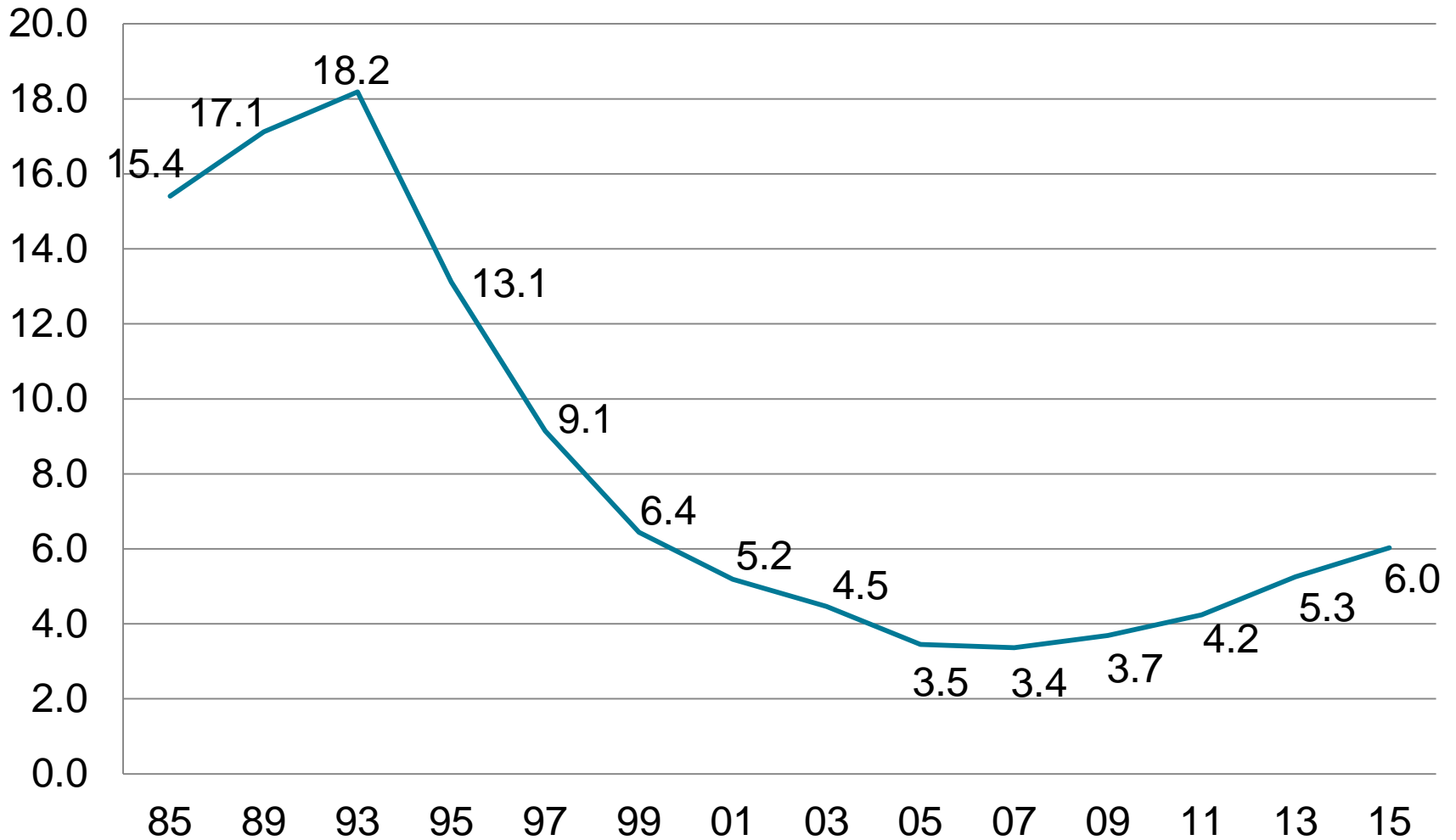
# How Many Protests Are There?

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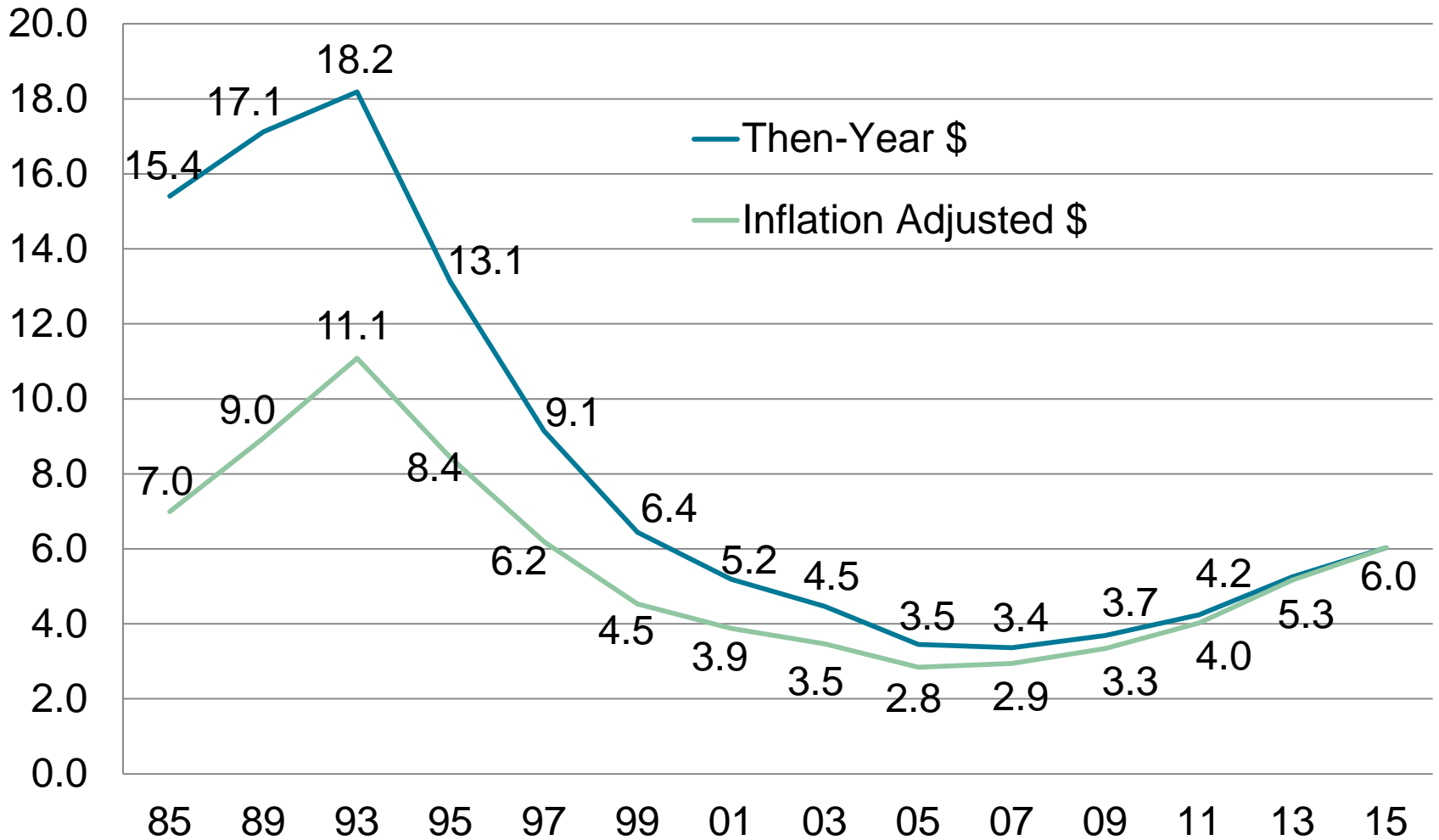
# Protests Per Year



# Protests Per \$B in Procurement Spending



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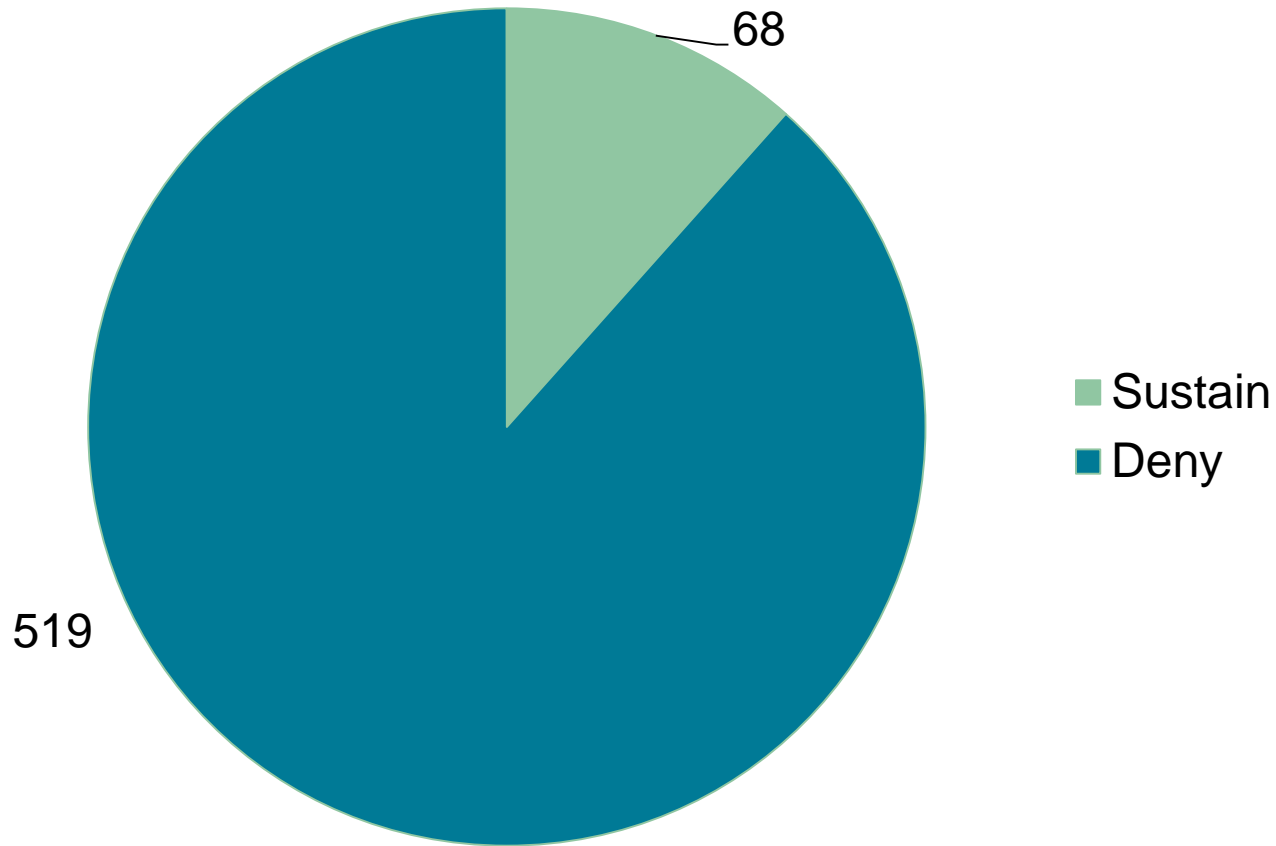
# Accountability & Oversight

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# Protests Decided on Merits — 2015

577 of 2639 protests

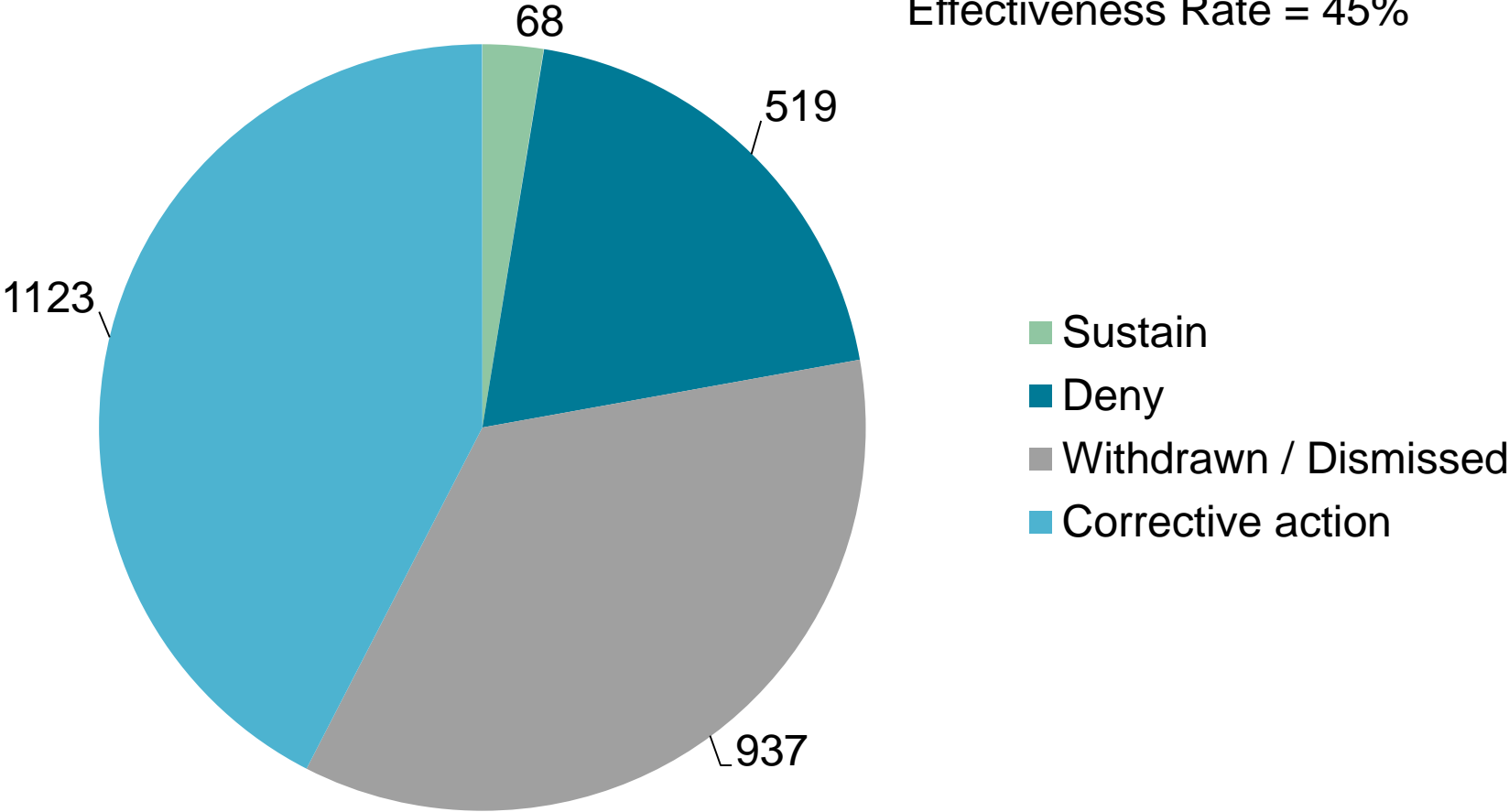
Sustain Rate = 12%



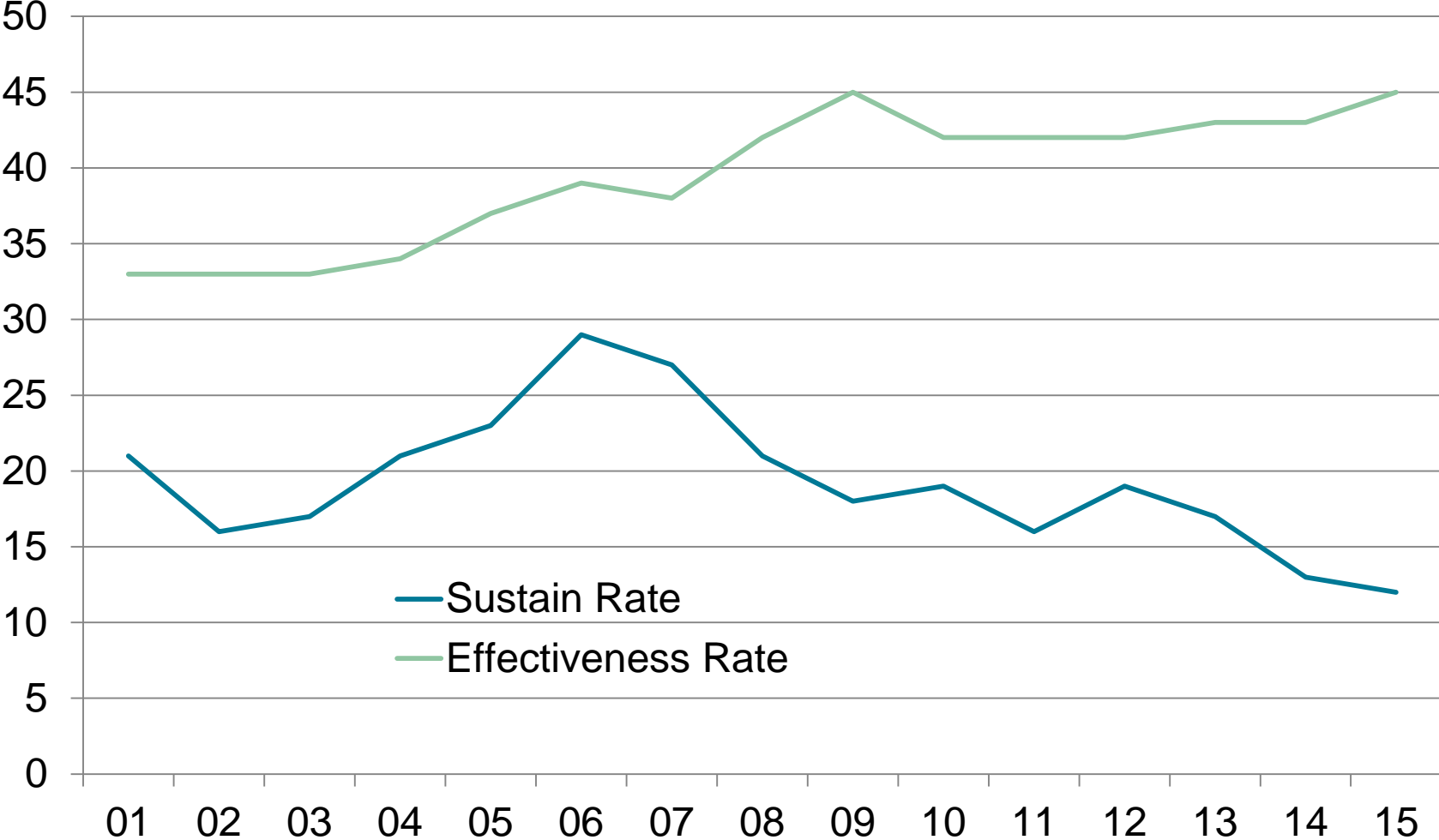


# All Protests Closed – 2015

Effectiveness Rate = 45%



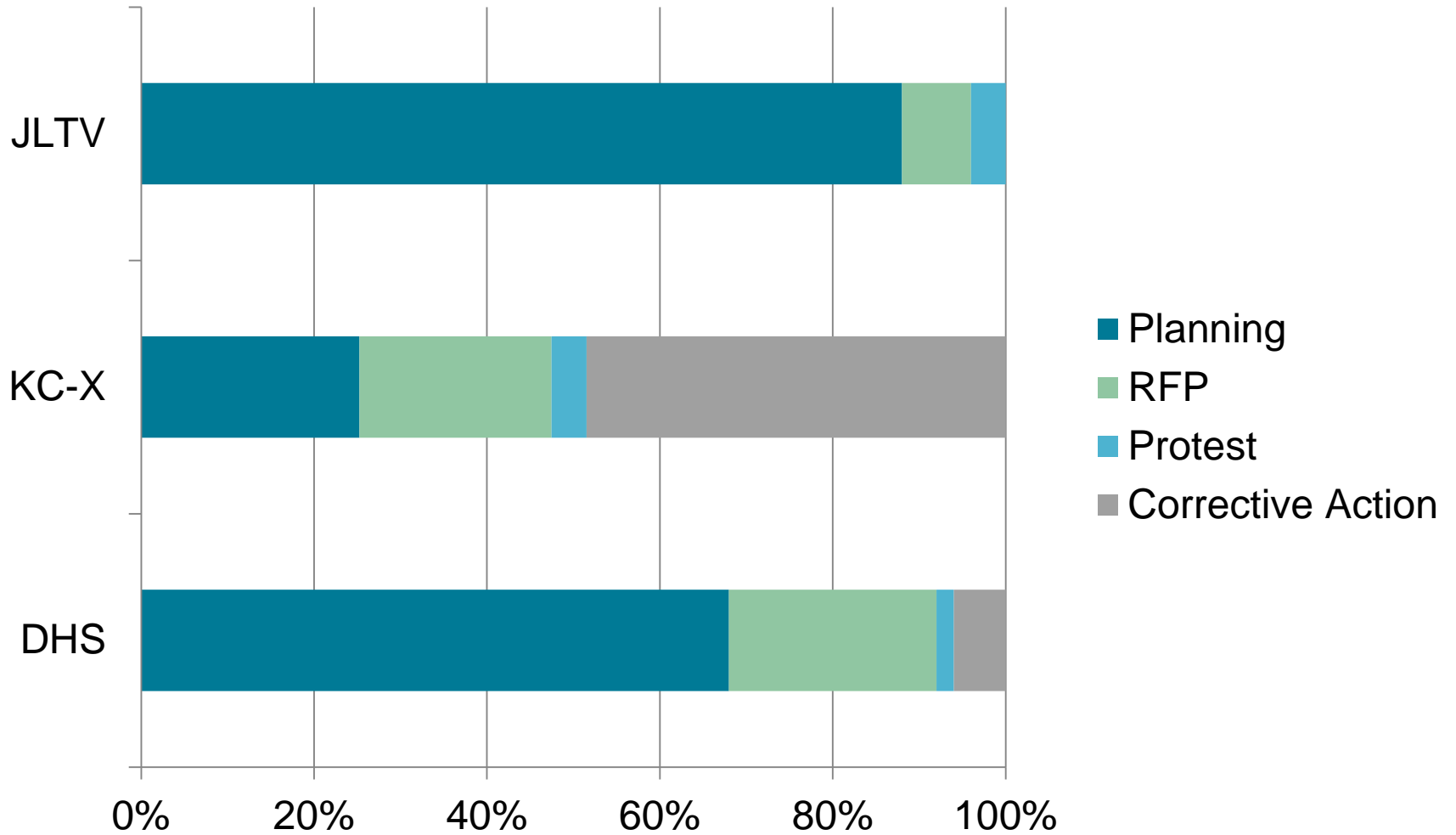
# Sustain & Effectiveness Rates (2001-2015)



# Delay & Disruption

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# Where Does the Time Go?



# How Can We Improve the System?

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- Support the acquisition workforce
- Focus on the procurement — not a potential protest
- Give offerors more information