98 to have something done

I have my house painted once every five years. I use a local company. They're very good.

1 Use

When you *have something done*, someone does it for you. It is usually a service that you pay someone to do because it is their job.
*I **have my hair cut** every six weeks.* (by the hairdresser)
*Carol **has her house painted** once every five years.* (by professional painters)
*How often **do you have your car checked?*** (by the garage)

We don't usually say who does the action. But if we say this, we use *by*:
*Paula has her hair cut **by Sergio** at the hairdresser's in the high street.*

NATURAL ENGLISH In everyday English, we can also say *get something done*:
*I'm going to **get** my hair **cut** tomorrow.*
*Don't forget to **get** the car **checked**.*

2 Form

We use *have* + object + the past participle of the verb:

AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE					
present simple	I/We/You/They	have	don't have	the house	painted
	He/She/It	has	doesn't have		
past simple	I/He/She/It/We/You/They	had	didn't have		
present perfect	I/We/You/They	have had	haven't had		
	He/She/It	has had	hasn't had		

We can also use *will*, *can*, *must* and *should* + *have something done*:
*I **must have** the windows **cleaned** soon.*
*The college **will have** a new library **built** next year.*

We can ask questions:
*How often **do you have** your hair **cut?***
***Did you have** the house **painted** last year?*
***Should we have** the car **checked** before we drive to Scotland?*
***Will you have** the TV **repaired** soon?*