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STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
Mr Peter Cain MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Inquiry into Penalties for minor offences and vulnerable people
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
21 June 2023

Asked by DR PATERSON on 21 JUNE 2023: ACT POLICING took on notice the following question:

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In relation to: CINs – types of offences

DR PATERSON: With the criminal infringement notices, your submission says that is 115. Are you able to provide the committee with a breakdown of what types of offences or notices they are, and relating to what offences?

Mr Whowell: I can give an idea of the sorts of infringement notices we have delivered this year. I am not sure whether the numbers will add up to 115. I am just looking at my brief. But for the financial year 2021-22 we did issue 100 COVID-related CINs. Not something we have done this financial year to date. The situation has changed. Criminal infringement notices for 21-22—we issued 115, which I think was the figure, but no, I cannot break that down on the information I have got here. But are you interested in the other sorts of infringement notices we may have issued?

DR PATERSON: Mainly the criminal infringement notices. It came out in the Human Rights Commission's submission that New South Wales or their ombudsman has done some analysis on that data and those particular offences that are capturing a large group of people, vulnerable people. I am just interested what those offences might be—those 115 might be—in relation to because that then might provide a bit of insight into what is going on.

ACT POLICING: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The total figure for CINs issued by ACT Policing in 2021-22 provided in ACT Policing's submission and referred to at the Hearing has been revised t from 115 to 112, due to three CINs being revoked.

The following table is a breakdown of the offences ACT Policing issued CINS for during the 2021-22 Financial Year.

| Offence | 2021/22 FY |
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| Abuse Threaten Intimidate Staff | 1 |
| Consume Liquor at Certain Public Places | 6 |
| Deface Public Premises | 3 |

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| Fail to Comply with ACT Chief Health Officer Direction Corona Virus Disease (Over 18 years) in Contravention of Section 120 (4) of Health Act 1997 | 87 |
| Fail to comply with ACT Chief Health Officer Direction to Wear a Face Mask (Over 16 years) in Contravention with Section 120 (4) of Health Act 1997 | 7 |
| Fail to Comply with the ACT Chief Health Officer Direction Given in Relation to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Company) | 2 |
| Fail to Comply with Exclusion Direction (Move on Direction) | 2 |
| Remain in or re-enter vicinity of premises in contravention of Section 138(1) Liquor Act 2010 | 1 |
| Smoke in a Vehicle with a Child - In Contravention of Section 7(1) Smoking in Cars with Children (Prohibition) Act 2011 | 2 |
| Urinating In a Public Place | 1 |
| TOTAL | 112 |

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:



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