



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into the Administration of Bail in the ACT ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Andrew Braddock MLA on 18 June 2024: Mr Ray Johnson, Acting Deputy Director-General, Community Safety, Justice and Community Safety Directorate, took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

MR BRADDOCK: Sorry, just a service supplementary. Is it possible to track how many people actually receive bail as a result of the justice housing program been available, and hence, they were not required to be remanded in custody?

Mr Johnson: Let us take that one on notice, Mr Braddock, and just check whether it is tracked in that specific way you have asked. I just cannot think off the top of my head.

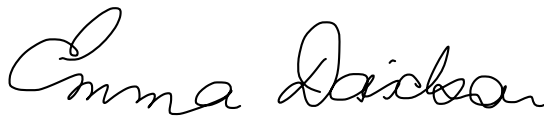
[Ms Emma Davison MLA]: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

No. Data held by ACT Corrective Services and ACT Courts does not quantify whether someone has received bail as a direct result of accommodation being available in the Justice Housing Program (JHP).

However, as outlined in the [Process Evaluation of the Justice Housing Program \(JHP\)](#), 31.6 per cent of occupants in the JHP were released from AMC under bail orders (noting that the specific reasons for an offender receiving bail is not necessarily known to ACTCS). Similarly, ACT Courts records for 2023-2024 indicates three people had JHP-related conditions as part of their bail conditions. Noting that we are unable to draw conclusions on causal relationships, these figures do not necessarily reflect that a person received bail as a direct result of an allocation to a JHP property.

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