



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Deborah Morris MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Reference: ACT Policing

Hearing: 18/02/2025

In relation to: ACT Policing Staff Profile

Question received: 25/02/2025

Answer Due: 05/03/2025

1. How many ACT Policing personnel are:
 1. Sworn
 2. Un-sworn
2. In the 2023-24 and current reporting periods, how many:
 1. Sworn officers have been/are on long-term leave of six weeks or more
 1. Please specify the nature and length leave (e.g. maternity, mental health etc.) including the number of officers in that category
 2. Unsworn officers have been/are on long-term leave of six weeks or more
 1. Please specify the nature and length leave (e.g. maternity, mental health etc.) including the number of officers in that category
 3. police officers have been assaulted on the job
 1. of assaults, how many charges have been laid?
 2. of assaults, how many were
 1. male
 2. female

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. As at 26 February 2025, ACT Policing's headcount is 1,014. This consists of 744 Sworn Police Officers and 270 Unsworn ACT Policing members.

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2. From 1 July 2023 to 26 February 2025, there have been 276 ACT Policing members take leave for 6 weeks or more. This is broken down as follows:

- 209 Sworn members
- 62 Unsworn members
- 5 Protective Service Officers

Leave types accessed by the 276 members included, but was not limited to:

- workers compensation
- personal leave
- leave without pay
- maternity leave
- long service leave; and
- recreation/annual leave.

Due to the manner in which leave data is stored and reported on within AFP systems, ACT Policing is unable to provide a further breakdown on the exact length of leave and specific nature of each leave type without intensive manual data interrogation. This would be an onerous task that would unreasonably divert police resources.

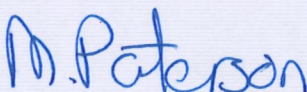
3. As at 27 February 2025, ACT Policing recorded 91 assault police offences during 2023-24 and has recorded 58 assault police offences between 1 July 2024 – 31 January 2025.

As at 27 February 2025, of the incidents involving assaults of police occurring in 2023-24, 78 charges have been laid against 58 individuals for assaulting police.

As at 27 February 2025, of the incidents involving assault of police occurring between 1 July 2024 and 31 January 2025, 41 charges have been laid against 29 individuals for assaulting police.

ACT Policing is unable to provide any further breakdown detailing the gender of the assaulted police officers. This would require a manual interrogation of ACT Policing systems and databases to compile all the details of each assault police offence. This would be an onerous task that would unreasonably divert police resources.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

Signature: 

Date: 7/3/25

By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA