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Inquiry into the Family, Personal and Sexual Violence Legislation  
Amendment Bill 2025

Question Taken on Notice (Committee)

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**Asked by:** Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

**Addressed to:** Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

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**In relation to:** Number of calls to after-hours Magistrate not answered

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**MR RATTENBURY:** Can I just come back to this issue of the non-answer from the on-call magistrate? Do you have data on the number of times there has been an attempt to reach a magistrate, and they have not been available? Is that either now or can you provide it later? Is it data that is recorded?

**Mr Lee:** We can certainly have a look at it for you Mr Rattenbury. So we will take it on notice.

**DR MARISA PATERSON MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Under the *Family Violence Act 2016* (the Act), there are various record keeping requirements that relate to after-hours orders for police and judicial officers. The requirements under the Act do not require, nor do police have extractable records of, the number of attempts to contact a judicial officer to apply for an after-hours order.

While police records do indicate instances where the on-duty Magistrate has been unable to answer or immediately answer the phone, the data is not readily extractable and would require a manual interrogation of the data.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

Signature: *M. Paterson*

*14/4/26*  
Date:

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