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QTON No. 03

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
19 FEBRUARY 2021

Question taken on notice by Ms Amanda Nuttall, Acting Principal Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the ACT Courts and Tribunal, p.13 of Uncorrected Transcript:

Asked by Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA:

In relation to: **Judge Alone Ordered Trials**

How many of these trials were there? A number proceeded without the consent of accused or the prosecution? Are they all concluded?

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

31 individual notices were given pursuant to subsection 68BA(4) of the *Supreme Court Act 1933*.
Thereafter:

- 13 defendants (in 8 trials) who received a notice, were tried by judge alone, by order of the Court under subsection 68BA(3);
- four defendants who received a notice, made an election to be tried by judge alone, with no order under subsection 68BA(3) being made;
- the remaining defendants who received a notice, were either tried by a jury or pleaded guilty, with no order under subsection 68BA(3) being made.

All trials where an order for judge alone trial was made have concluded. One defendant has appealed his conviction.

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

Signature:

Date:

2/3/21

By the Attorney-General, Shane Rattenbury MLA