



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022** **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA on Tuesday, 1 November 2022: Deputy Commissioner Gaughan took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**THE CHAIR:** Supplementary Dr Paterson?

**DR PATERSON:** Just in terms of the 122 offenders, how many were first-time offenders?

**Mr Gaughan:** I think less than a handful.

**DR PATERSON:** So you know who these people are?

**Mr Gaughan:** TORIC has been established to target people involved in really dangerous behaviour who historically are recidivist offenders. Very rarely do people go from doing nothing to being involved in disputes with the police and those sorts of issues. So, again, we provided that data to the Committee, Chair, but it is a handful out of the 122 that have not come to some type of law enforcement previously, whether here or in New South Wales, and I think it is not lost on us, and I and the Minister both caught up with the Commander of Monaro District this morning. A lot of these offences are occurring cross-jurisdictionally, so it is not just a challenge for us here in the territory, but it is also a challenge for our New South Wales police colleagues. New South Wales citizens coming across here to commit crime; our citizens going across to New South Wales to commit crime. It is a cross-border issue. We are working extremely closely with the New South Wales Police on this issue and we have got some other strategies coming up over the next couple of months that we hope to put in place.

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

As at 2 November 2022 there were a total of 125 apprehensions. Of the 125 apprehensions, four are first time offenders.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA

