



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 22 November 2023: Mr Anthony Williamson SC took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: I noticed on page 46 of the annual report there were 10 offenders finishing their treatment during '22-23 but nine offenders' orders were cancelled due to noncompliance and a further two for offender revoking consent. So, is it true to say that really the program is successful 50 per cent of the time?

Mr Williamson: What page is that, Mr Chair?

THE CHAIR: Page 46.

Mr Williamson: Could I take that on notice? The statistics, I just want to make sure I am completely across it.

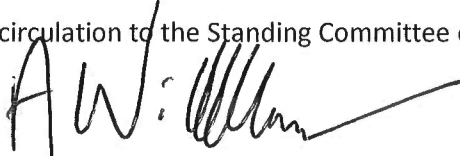
Office of the Public Prosecutions: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

During the reporting period 54 people were subject to a Drug and Alcohol Order ('DATO'). Ten (10) people completed their DATO. Nine (9) DATOs were cancelled due to non-compliance with its conditions, and two (2) were cancelled because the offender withdrew consent to be in the program.

A simple ratio of the number of DATOs completed as against the number cancelled over any given period may not provide an accurate measurement of the success of the Drug and Alcohol Court sentencing list. Such a measurement does not account for the number of ongoing DATOs, and other qualitative factors such as the reduction of frequency in offending.

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

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Date: 30/11/2023

Anthony Williamson SC

Acting Director of Public Prosecutions