



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into the Administration of Bail in the ACT **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA on 18 June 2024: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

DR PATERSON: In the government submission it says that 2008 applications for bail were granted but it also has above that table 1 which says that there were 986 apprehensions by ACT Policing with a breach of bail charge. Is that suggesting that 50 per cent of bail applications in the ACT are breached in a year? If the number if 2000 bail applications were granted and the number of breaches was 986?

Mr Rattenbury: I am just pondering whether that is a direct comparison. Again, colleagues able to assist? I think that we would need to look into that one further.

Mr Johnson: I think though you will find that the direct comparison will not be there because the 2008 are effectively court decisions. Now, they are decisions about bail. There could be multiple decisions about bail where somebody is already on remand in the AMC, for example. So they are looking at different things. So it is the apples and oranges argument to a degree. They are looking at different parts of the system.

Mr Rattenbury: Shall we take that on notice, Dr Paterson, and provide you a definitional answer that goes to the heart of your question.

DR PATERSON: And I guess the question is, what percentage of bail applications that were granted were breached over perhaps a year.

Mr Rattenbury: I understand.

[Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA]: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The data in the ACT Government submission was in reference to 2008 bail applications granted in the Magistrates Court only, between March 2023 and February 2024.

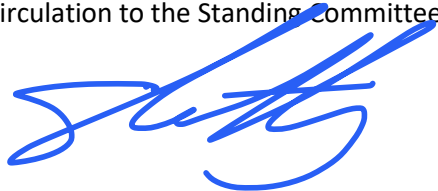
In order to provide advice on the proportion of breaches, ACT Policing have provided the following data that relates to the total number of people on bail:

There were 2,334 individuals with bail conditions commencing in 2023. 468 of those individuals have been apprehended by ACT Policing for breaching bail while those conditions were active.

This means 20% of people with bail conditions commencing in 2023 were apprehended by ACT Policing for breaching bail.

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By the Attorney-General, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA