



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

### Inquiry into Dangerous Driving ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 14 November 2022: Mr Neil Gaughan took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**THE CHAIR:** Yes. How many drivers were there in those, because as you said there were multiple deaths in some cases.

**Ms Champion:** Yes. There were—I have not got the figures.

**Mr Gaughan:** There were six, seven, eight. We will take it as eight, there is a cyclist, pedestrian, pedestrian, number of passengers, I have driver as one, two, three, four, five, six—one, two, three four, five six and seven. Seven drivers.

**Ms Champion:** Seven drivers, so are you saying all of them had cannabis in their blood, because you said there were seven with cannabis in their blood?

**Mr Gaughan:** I will take that on notice I think, Chair.

**Ms Champion:** Take that on notice.

**THE CHAIR:** Yes, I do note even though the coroner's issuing reports, obviously the blood record is something that is known pretty immediately, are you able to give similar statistics either financial year or calendar year going back say three years of how many drivers were involved in fatalities and in how many of those cases did the driver have cannabis or other drug in their system?

**Mr Gaughan:** We will take that on notice, thanks, Chair.

Deputy Commissioner, ACT Police: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

As at 21 November 2022, there has been 18 road fatalities (15 fatal road collisions) in the ACT during 2022.

As at 21 November 2022, toxicity results have been returned for 10 known drivers of all vehicles involved in a fatality. Of those, there were seven with cannabis in their system. Additionally, five of those drivers had both cannabis and alcohol and/or meth found in their system. One driver involved in a fatality is a suspected hit-and-run offender who has yet to be identified.

**Table 1 - Road fatalities which involved a driver with cannabis or other drug in system over the past 3 financial years.**

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
3	4	8

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By the Deputy Commissioner, ACT Police, Mr Neil Gaughan