



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: Ms Amanda Nuttall, CEO, ACT Courts and Tribunal took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

DR PATERSON: And the court does not record any data in relation to which offences the breaches of bail are occurring?

Ms Nuttall: As I said, the only offence where there is a breach of bail is where somebody has failed to attend, so the only time that we will record that there is an offence, and it is against that previous file, is where they have failed to attend on that matter.

DR PATERSON: Are you able to provide the number of breaches in the courts?

Ms Nuttall: I can provide those. I will have to take them on notice, though. I do not have them with me.

THE CHAIR: Where they have failed to appear in court.

Ms Nuttall: Yes, failed to appear. Where there is a fresh charge for fail to appear, we will be able to provide those numbers.

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

The table below includes data on the number of offenders who failed to appear after bail undertakings for the reporting periods 2018-19 to 2023-24.

FY	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Distinct Count of Offenders	249	248	249	208	218	206

The table below includes data on the number of charges recorded for ‘Failed to appear after bail undertakings’ (section 49 of the *Bail Act 1992*) for the reporting periods 2018-19 to 2023-24.

FY	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Distinct Count of Charges	295	309	305	243	277	274

** Note there can be multiple charges recorded against one individual during the same time period or over reporting periods.*

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By the Attorney-General, Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA