



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

In relation to: ACT Policing and Alcohol-related incidents

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Mr Scott Lee took on notice the following question(s):

MS VASSAROTTI: So that is around use of force, but particularly in relation to other call-outs, I was particularly interested around family domestic violence. Do you track the impact of alcohol on those call-outs?

Mr Kennedy: Yes. So within our PROMIS production system is one of the items that has to be ticked when the officer is typing the job up is whether alcohol was related to that particular incident, it does not just for family and domestic violence, it is all incidents that ACT Policing attend is the officer who has to tick a box whether alcohol was related or not.

MS VASSAROTTI: And so do you have the information about what the proportion of that is?

Mr Kennedy: Not directly in front of me at the moment.

MS VASSAROTTI: Could you take that on notice?

Mr Lee: We will take that on notice, Ms Vassarotti.

MS VASSAROTTI: And related to that, have you done any modelling or have any ideas about the resource costings to police that is the result of alcohol use, particularly this proportion that is impacting call-outs around domestic and family violence?

Mr Lee: Again, I think we can take that on notice for you, I think would be better.

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

ACT Policing can provide how many domestic and family violence incidents were attended that involved alcohol however, these figures are indicative only. The available data does not identify whether alcohol was a causal factor of an incident.

NUMBER OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE INCIDENTS ATTENDED BY ACT POLICING INVOLVING ALCOHOL 2021-22 TO 2025-26						
Alcohol Present	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
No	3,011	3,563	3,778	3,924	3,869	18,145
Yes	470	472	442	532	478	2,394
Total	3,481	4,035	4,220	4,456	4,347	20,539

Regarding the question relating to specific modelling, ACT Policing has not undertaken any research to quantify the resource cost to police of alcohol-related incidents, including alcohol-related domestic and family violence call-outs.

ACT Policing records whether alcohol was identified as being related to an incident however, this data is indicative only and does not identify whether alcohol was a causal factor. As a result, the data does not provide a reliable basis to attribute a specific cost, staffing impact or proportion of police resources to alcohol-related domestic and family violence incidents.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA