



28 October 2021

Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
By email to: [LACommitteeJCS@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:LACommitteeJCS@parliament.act.gov.au)

Dear Mr Hanson,

**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021-22 – Transcript of evidence on 19 October 2021**

I refer to my appearance at the hearing of the inquiry into the ACT Budget 2021-22 on 19 October 2021.

At that hearing, I gave the following evidence in response to a question from Dr Paterson in relation to an increase in involuntary mental health orders:

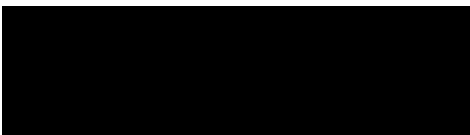
“What we have seen from 2018-19 to 19-20, and then now into 20-21, is an increase of over 2,000 compliance documents per year over that 2018-19 figure. So, we went from 5,000 odd – I do not have the exact figures in front of me, but happy to take that on notice if you would like specific figures. But an increase from 5,000 of (sic) compliance documents that came through to over 7,000.”

*Uncorrected Proof Copy, p 12*

Having now provided the exact figures to the committee in my answer to the question taken on notice, I wish to clarify that there was an increase of 1474 notifications from 5705 in 2018-19 to 7179 in 2019-20 and that increase was effectively sustained with 7034 notifications in 2020-21.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 6205 2222.

Kind Regards,



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