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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by MR PARTON on 21 July 2023: Minister BERRY (Education and Youth Affairs) took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: *Uncorrected Hansard Transcript* 21 July 2023 [Page 42]

In relation to: ***What is the annual rate of violent incidents in ACT schools?***

THE CHAIR: Ms McMahon, I appreciate this explanation, I really do, and so with the greatest of respect the question was, what is the current rate of violence in ACT schools. Are you able to give me any sense of trends, is there anything that you can give me—and, you know, I take on board the reporting culture and that that explanation is in part, I guess, going to reflect on the numbers, but is there any data that be shared with us today, or not?

Ms Berry: I can. There is some data that can be shared today with the committee, Mr Parton. During the period 1 January 2023 to 27 June 2023 there were 4,797 distinct risk reports submitted by 1,488 individual staff members that have experienced occupational violence or been impacted by student behaviours, which includes the descriptions that Ms McMahon gave around witnesses to that kind of behaviour, student-on-student violence, and other issues. 4,906 reports were triaged and incidenting reporting officers where students were related was 1,296. 337 were parent or other related; 192 individual parents or others. This data is captured by the occupational violence—I cannot even—

Ms McMahon: Occupational and complex case management team. Minister, I might just explain some of that data as well.

THE CHAIR: I guess the biggest explanation I am looking for is a year-by-year, because on their own, it is difficult to get a context on them without a comparison of a year-by-year situation.

Ms Berry: We can probably take that on notice.

MINISTER BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Information related to Riskman incident reporting can be found in the Education Directorate's annual reporting.

2020-21 Annual Report:

https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1908665/EDU-2020-21-Annual-Report-downloadable-version.pdf

2021-22 Annual Report: https://www.education.act.gov.au/about-us/policies-and-publications/publications_a-z/annual-report/annual-report-2021-2022/part-b/b14-work-health-and-safety.

Financial year	Total number of submitted Riskman reports in relation to occupational violence
2020-2021	7315
2021-2022	5628

The information provided to the Committee in the hearing, as set out in the transcript, related to data from 2023 and has not been finalised through the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate's incident coding process.

The 2022-23 Annual report is not yet published.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

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Date:

08/08/23

By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Ms Berry MLA