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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

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In relation to: Welfare checks

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DR PATERSON: And how many of—can you sort of give an anecdotal overview of those check welfares? Like, what proportion would be just someone not heard from someone for a while and they are concerned for their welfare versus mental health versus perhaps other incidents where police are the most appropriate to attend?

Mr Lee: I might pass to the Acting Deputy Chief Police Officer.

Mr Bailey: Thank you. It is probably very difficult to just aggregate what we are seeing in the complexity of responses. Particularly in what we clarify as a category 2 response, we are seeing overlapping issues of mental health, substance abuse in those fields right through to sort of minor matters as well. As the CPO rightly points out, for the police and particularly as a 24/7 agency, out of hours we might be the only people available.

We could have a look at some of our job incident type data and see if we can pass out a little bit more information for you on those types, but they are very complex in that they overlap.

THE CHAIR: So you will take that on notice?

Mr Bailey: I will take that on notice, yes.

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

ACT Policing can provide incident data broken down by Mental Health related and alcohol related, however is unable to extract check welfare incidents from check premises incidents.

In the three-month period between May and July 2024, there were 928 confirmed check welfare/premises incidents reported to police. Of the 928 incidents:

- 281 incidents were mental health related.
- 647 incidents were not mental health related or not stated.

Also, of the 928 confirmed check welfare/premises incidents between May and July 2024:

- 75 were related to alcohol.
- 853 were not related to alcohol.

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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA