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STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Attorney-General:

In relation to: **Restorative Justice Agreements**

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Of the 76 Restorative Justice Agreements formed in 2019-20, only 42 were complied with.

Two were substantially complied with, 7 didn't comply at all – what is the status of the other 24 Restorative Justice Agreements? This strikes me as pretty low compliance and it's a big drop on the average compliance rate of 87% since 2005.

How does it compare to similar schemes in other jurisdictions and what is the agency doing to improve compliance?

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

The other 24 Restorative Justice Agreements referred to reflect restorative justice conferences where the conference itself satisfied the needs of the victim and no substantive matters were identified for separate, subsequent completion. Accordingly, these agreements are regarded as having been complied with.

The Restorative Justice Unit has a very high compliance rate, achieving 92% in 2019-20. This reflects convenors working collaboratively with victims and offenders to develop outcomes which meet the needs of the victims, but which are also fair and achievable for the offender. Where there are outcomes to be completed, the convenor works with the offender to support successful completion.

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By the Attorney-General, Shane Rattenbury MLA