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QTON No. 11

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
Mr Peter Cain MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Inquiry into Penalties for minor offences and vulnerable people
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
21 June 2023

Asked by Mr Andrew Braddock MLA on 21 June 2023: Mr Josh Rynehart, Fair Trading and Compliance took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR BRADDOCK: In the government submission it says, in 2021-22 financial year there were 12,400 plans for payment plans. And 89 plans to work off those notices. I would like to know what the successful completion rate for those are. Out of everyone who starts a payment plan, how many actually successfully concluded?

Mr Rynehart: I will need to take that on notice.

MR BRADDOCK: And the same for the work and social development plans as well.

Mr Rynehart: Absolutely.

Minister Cheyne, MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

In 2021-22 financial year there were 10,800 payment plans and 90 Work or Development Plans (WDPs) finalised. Given payment plans and WDPs can be managed over weeks, months or years, it is not possible to reconcile those commenced and finalised in that period and/or historic plans finalised in that period without an unreasonable diversion of resources. Nonetheless, I am advised that Access Canberra has generally observed high rates of compliance with payment plans and WDPs with over approximately 85% successful completion. When a person defaults on a payment plan or WDP, a suspension is applied (Section 44A of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*). The suspension is lifted once the person contacts Access Canberra and reinstates their plan or finalises the matter.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

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By the Minister for Business and Better Regulation, Tara Cheyne MLA