



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024–25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Addressed to: Ms Victoria Engel SC

In relation to: Family violence

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Ms Engel SC took on notice the following question(s):

MR RATTENBURY: I thought I was hot out of time. I was interested then, you provided a case study in your report of police and EN, a pseudonym in which the defendant, a veteran police officer, was charged with contravening a family violence order by sending a range of messages to the victim, his ex-wife, including threatening to report her to police and to involve a former colleague.

That matter played out and the defendant was found guilty after a contested hearing. How many family violence matters did your office prosecute in the reporting period in which a police officer was the defendant?


Ms Engel: I will have to take that question on notice, I do not have that figure to hand. I know the figure of how many family violence matters were received overall last year, which was around 935. But precisely the number of matters where it was a police officer charged, I will take that on notice.

[Victoria Engel SC]: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Our current case management system does not record occupations of accused or offenders. As a result, we are currently unable to provide data on the number of family violence matters prosecuted during the reporting period in which the accused or offender was a police officer. However, we will investigate whether ACT Policing can provide this information and if our case management system can be updated to allow this to be reported upon for future reporting periods.

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Signature: 

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Victoria Engel SC, Director of Public Prosecutions (ACT)