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Inquiry into Bail Amendment Bill 2026

Question Taken on Notice (Committee)

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

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THE CHAIR: So just to clarify, there is no current—you currently do not have data around where they are on remand and then found not guilty?

Mr Lee: Chair, there may be Australian Bureau of Statistics reporting on that issue. So if I could take it on notice for the moment and perhaps come back to you before the end of the hearing, I would be happy to.

THE CHAIR: Take that on notice. Thank you. The other data that I am hoping that you would probably have is for people who have breached their bail conditions and are remanded. I do not know, have you got—do you capture that data? As against people who have breached bail by committing further offences?

Mr Lee: I think we will need to take that on notice, as well, Chair, if we can.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

Mr Lee: Just given, in terms of where someone might be on bail and then if they reoffend into remand, we would need to see whether that is extractable. But we can certainly look at that for you.

THE CHAIR: Yes, whether you capture it.

Mr Lee: Yes.

DR MARISA PATERSON MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The most relevant data set to the question is produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). This report provides that in the 2024/25 financial year in the ACT, of the defendants whose charges resulted in a court judgment, the majority (80% or 2,502) were found guilty.

Of these defendants:

- 29% (716) received a fine as their principal sentence, with a median amount of \$500
- 16% (410) were sentenced to custody in a correctional institution, with a median sentence length of 4 months.¹

This ABS data does not disaggregate which of these defendants were remanded in custody prior to the court's judgment.

There is also no available data on the number of people in the ACT who are remanded in custody following a breach of bail.

The ACT Corrective Services data dashboard reports that in June 2026, 209 of a total of 470 detainees at the Alexander Maconochie Centre were unsentenced prisoners held on remand.²

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By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

¹ [Criminal Courts, Australia, 2024-25 financial year | Australian Bureau of Statistics](#), released 29/04/2026

² ACT Corrective Services Data Dashboard <https://www.act.gov.au/open/act-corrective-services-data-dashboard>