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Inquiry into Bail Amendment Bill 2026

Question Taken on Notice (Committee)

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

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THE CHAIR: Can I clarify though, is it that some data is not being collected or it is being collected on an ad-hoc basis? For example, the number of people who have been granted bail and then gone onto reoffend whilst on bail. And the number of people who have not been granted bail and are in custody, and whether or not the circumstances for not granting bail is captured?

Mr Lee: I think, certainly on the data that we capture—

Ms Cheyne: Sorry, and I was speaking for us and the courts. Policing's data is much better.

Dr Paterson: And corrections, on the other side, there is a bit of a gap there.

Ms Cheyne: But we will tease all this out.

Mr Lee: Thanks Minister. Certainly on whether we do have data in relation to where people have been granted bail and then reoffended, whether that is for a breach of bail or they commit other offences whilst on bail. So we do capture that data within the policing systems. In terms of the second part of your question around remand, I might look to my colleagues for any assistance on that, or we may need to take that on notice. I do not think we would capture that. But I – maybe to the Deputy Chief Police Officer, or others?

Dr Paterson: I think captured under corrections.

Mr Lee: Possibly right. It would be recorded in our system where it is remanded—

THE CHAIR: If you could take it on notice?

Mr Lee: But whether it is extractable, I think, is the other issue. But we can certainly take it on notice and have a look for you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. And you may also need to take on notice; how many people have been held on remand and subsequently been found not guilty? I do not know if that is court data.

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

Breach of bail of itself is not a criminal offence. In ACT Policing systems, any breach of bail is included as a charge on an Apprehension record. An offence committed while a person is on bail may not necessarily be a breach of their individual bail conditions.

ACT Policing does record charges and apprehensions involving breach of bail matters. The below table shows charges included on Apprehension records which also include a breach of bail.

CHARGES LAID BY ACT POLICING ON APPREHENSIONS WITH A BREACH OF BAIL CHARGE, 2019–2026							
Offence	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	1 July 2025 - 31 May 2026
HOMICIDE	0	0	3	2	0	0	0
ASSAULT	68	83	68	96	138	113	128
SEXUAL OFFENCES	4	11	3	4	3	3	8
OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON	8	11	26	23	14	28	19
ROBBERY	9	5	4	11	14	23	16
BURGLARY	16	18	17	45	75	71	36
OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY	59	71	44	62	65	47	35

STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE	45	40	46	56	57	65	31
THEFT (EXCL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT)	35	26	55	82	120	99	83
PROPERTY DAMAGE	33	42	49	35	50	34	27
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENCES	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
GOVERNMENT SECURITY/OPERATIONS	22	17	9	12	17	25	25
FIREARMS AND WEAPONS	40	33	50	48	36	47	54
OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST GOOD ORDER	28	23	11	32	39	39	42
DRUG OFFENCES	69	50	38	35	29	19	13
TRAFFIC OFFENCES	452	418	253	250	165	161	160
OTHER OFFENCES N.E.C.	17	8	17	5	16	4	4
JUSTICE PROCEDURES**	1,789	1,618	1,267	1,533	1,595	1,547	1,464
Total	2,694	2,474	1,960	2,331	2,437	2,325	2,145

Source and Author: PROMIS as at 08 June 2026 /ACT Policing Performance Statistics Team

**Justice Procedures includes breaches of all order types including but not limited to, breach of bail, breach of parole, contravention of family violence and personal protection orders, and failing to appear at court.

This is the closest available data to the information requested that ACT Policing can provide. However, the table should not be read as a count of people who breached their bail conditions by committing a further offence. The data records charges associated with apprehensions where a person was arrested for either failing to comply with a bail condition and/or another offence.

In relation to people who have not been granted bail and are in custody, ACT Policing may hold information on individual matters. However, this information is not held in a readily reportable format that allows ACT Policing to produce a statistical breakdown.

In relation to the circumstances for not granting bail, relevant information may also be recorded on individual matters. However, some information is recorded in free text fields in ACT Policing systems and would require a manual review of individual apprehension records, criminal histories and court outcomes.

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