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Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Minister for Women

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

Minister for Corrections

Minister for Gaming Reform

Member for Murrumbidgee

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE****Questions on Notice Paper No 4****21 March 2025****Question No. 239****MS MORRIS:** To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence —

1. Given that the number of domestic violence related assaults reported per annum across the Brindabella Electorate since 2018 were (a) 2018 - 308, (b) 2019 - 299, (c) 2020 - 329, (d) 2021 - 286, (e) 2022 - 314, (f) 2023 - 326 and (g) 2024 to June - 150, how many domestic violence related assaults have been reported per annum across the Brindabella Electorate in (i) 2024 and (ii) 2025 to date.
2. Of the reports referred to in parts (1), how many have led to the prosecution of the perpetrator.
3. What actions are being taken to reduce the number of domestic violence related assaults.

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

The PROMIS database is a live system which is updated on a daily basis, therefore data extracted is subject to slight changes dependent on the date of extraction. The data for this figure was extracted and accurate as at 25 March 2025.

1.

**FAMILY VIOLENCE RELATED ASSAULTS REPORTED TO ACT POLICING – BRINDABELLA ELECTORATE<sup>(1)</sup>**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	1 Jan – 28 Feb 2025
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Prosecuted <sup>(2)</sup>	148	112	134	106	166	148	147	11
Not Prosecuted	160	190	195	181	157	186	206	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>49</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the suburbs of Kambah, Wanniasa, Fadden, Macarthur, Oxley, Gowrie, Gilmore, Greenway, Monash, Chisholm, Isabella Plains, Bonython, Calwell, Richardson, Theodore, Conder, Gordon, Banks, Tharwa.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes reported family violence related assault offences that were cleared by: Arrest, Summons, Charged before court and Warrant. All other reported family violence related assault offences were included in Not Prosecuted.

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<b>CHARGES FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE RELATED ASSAULTS LAID BY ACT POLICING – BRINDABELLA ELECTORATE<sup>(1)</sup></b>								
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>1 Jan – 28 Feb 2025</b>
Charges Laid	235	213	203	189	307	269	265	41

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the suburbs of Kambah, Wanniasa, Fadden, Macarthur, Oxley, Gowrie, Gilmore, Greenway, Monash, Chisholm, Isabella Plains, Bonython, Calwell, Richardson, Theodore, Conder, Gordon, Banks, Tharwa.

3) ACT Policing operates on an evidence-led, pro-charge, pro-arrest and presumption against bail policy for domestic and family violence (DFV) incidents. ACT Policing also follows a pro-intervention policy when there is insufficient evidence to commence judicial proceedings and recognises the importance of community-led solutions to support and prevent further harm to victim survivors of family violence.

ACT Policing works collaboratively with agencies and stakeholders throughout the domestic and family violence sector. The majority of responses to and investigation of DFV incidents in the ACT is carried out by frontline uniform patrol officers across the five ACT Policing stations.

On 28 June 2024, the creation of a new Domestic and Family Violence Investigation Unit (DFVIU) was announced. This is an expansion and restructure of ACT Policing's existing Family Violence Unit (FVU) which was primarily focused on coordination.

ACT Policing's DFVIU leads domestic and family violence training and quality assurance, as well as ensuring a consistent response to domestic and family violence incidents.





DFVIU targets high-risk perpetrators and works closely with the Family Violence Safety Action Program (FVSAP) in target development and whole-of-sector approaches to ensure victim-survivor safety and perpetrators are being held accountable.

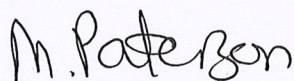
In response to our jurisdictional priority of addressing coercive control, the DFVIU has reviewed and facilitated police family violence refresher training, working with partner agencies Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS), Children Youth and Families (CYF, formerly CYPS) and Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC).

To ensure the continuing success of the DFVIU in supporting ACT Policing members and the broader community, DFVIU has completed work to generate and implement system level change by modernising case tracking, adjusting the way police engage with the courts and improving the way FVOs are served and managed for persons in custody.

ACT Policing have adopted the use of the Family Violence Risk Assessment Tool (FVRAT) to assess the risk of future family violence that a person poses towards another person, and is mandatorily completed for all family violence incidents involving current or former intimate partners.

The ACT Government is committed to preventing and responding to domestic, family and sexual violence in the ACT community. A full picture of investment in 2024-25 to address domestic and family violence can be found in Appendix H of the Budget Outlook, within the 2024-25 Budget Papers. In total, the 2024-25 Budget provided \$12.246 million in new investment towards domestic, family and sexual violence initiatives over 4 years, including a significant funding boost for frontline services. As part of its commitment to addressing domestic and family violence, the ACT Government is developing a comprehensive, evidence-based ACT Strategy to provide a whole of Government, whole of community approach to preventing and responding to domestic, family and sexual violence over the next 10 years, to be developed in consultation with stakeholders.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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**Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence**

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