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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Questions on Notice Paper No 3
7 March 2025
Question No. 203

Asked by Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA –

1. How many people in Canberra applied for Working with Vulnerable People cards over the last three years.
2. How many of those applications, referred to in part (1), were declined over the last three years, and what were the reasons for the decline, including those who are precluded from attaining it because of their criminal history (the question does not seek individual analysis, but analysis of categories of reasons).

Ms Cheyne MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. 130,717 applications were submitted between 6 March 2022 and 7 March 2025.
2. 55 Negative Notices were issued. Of those:
 - 36 were due to Class A disqualifying offences.
 - 14 were due to other criminal history information (including juvenile offences) – *s29 of the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* (the Act).
 - 3 were due to non-conviction information – *s30* of the Act.
 - 1 was due to other relevant information – *s31* of the Act.
 - 1 was due to both criminal history (*s29*) and other information (*s31*), but the decision was primarily based on the other information.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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