

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 11

26 September 2025

Question No. 646

DEBORAH MORRIS MLA: To ask the Attorney-General —

1. In relation to the answer to question on notice 241, why was no bail money forfeited in the period from the 2023–2024 reporting year to March 2025, despite ACT Policing recording 3,761 apprehensions involving breach of bail in that period to January 2025.
2. Can the Minister confirm whether there is any specific offence in the ACT for breach of bail, other than the offence of failing to appear in court.

TARA CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Not all persons on bail have a condition imposed pursuant to section 25(1)(c) of the Bail Act 1992 requiring persons to deposit a stated amount which may be forfeited if the person fails to appear in accordance with their bail undertaking. If there is such a condition on the person's bail order, it is a matter for the magistrate as to whether they make a bail forfeiture order pursuant to section 37 of the Bail Act after hearing submissions from both parties.
2. Failing to appear at court while on bail is an offence under section 49 of the Bail Act 1992. The ACT does not have a general breach of bail offence.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Tara Cheyne MLA
Attorney-General

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