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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 1****6 December 2024****Question No. 87****MR RATTENBURY MLA:** To ask the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services —

1. How many police officers in the ACT are designated to cover the suburbs of Hawker, Page and Scullin, and how does this compare to the last five years.
2. What is the crime rate in the suburbs referred to in part (1), and how does this compare to the last five years.
3. What are the offences committed in these suburbs, over the last five years, and what are the offences broken into serious and more minor offences.

MARISA PATERSON MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:**1. How many police officers in the ACT are designated to cover the suburbs of Hawker, Page and Scullin, and how does this compare to the last five years.**

As at 4 December 2024, ACT Policing had a total sworn police officer headcount of 739.

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF ACT POLICING'S TOTAL SWORN POLICE OFFICER HEADCOUNT					
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
ACT Policing's Total Number of Sworn Police Officers	697	709	691	731	742



ACT Policing is not able to provide a further breakdown of the number of police officers specifically designated to cover Hawker, Page and Scullin as it does not allocate resources in this way. The suburbs of Hawker, Page and Scullin are included in the Belconnen Patrol Zone which is serviced by ACT Policing officers from a broad range of areas including (but not limited to) General Duties, Road Policing, the Family and Domestic Violence Unit and Criminal Investigations.

ACT Policing Officers-in-Charge of all stations encourage their members to proactively patrol suburbs within their jurisdiction where possible on their shifts, to establish and strengthen relationships with business owners and the community. The total number of police who are on active duty on any given day fluctuates throughout the year based on a range of factors including roster cycles, operational needs, planned and unplanned leave.

It is important to note that ACT Policing continues to operate on a priority response basis. All reports to police are prioritised in accordance with dispatch protocols meaning those where people are in danger are prioritised higher, with a faster response time in those matters.

ACT Policing has a flexible workforce and can rapidly redirect resources to priority matters as required. An example of this is that part of its response to a recent increase in community expectation for security measures along with a heightened awareness for personal safety, which has resulted in ACT Policing ensuring an increase in its visible presence at shopping centres and town precincts.

2. What is the crime rate in the suburbs referred to in part (1), and how does this compare to the last five years.

While Scullin and Hawker are trending downward overall in the rates of total offences being committed per 1,000 people, Page saw a slight increase in the rate of total offences committed in 2023.

Per 1,000 people, the rates of theft and assault in Hawker have decreased since 2020. However, robbery and sexual offences increased between 2022 and 2023.

The following tables show the crime rates per 1,000 people for each suburb during the past five financial years from 2019-20 to 2023-24.

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF THE CRIME RATE PER 1,000 PEOPLE IN HAWKER BETWEEN 2019-20 TO 2023-24					
Offence	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Assault	9.1	10.6	8.4	10.0	10.7
Sexual offences	0.3	2.3	1.7	0.7	0.3
Other offences against the person	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0
Robbery	0.7	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.7
Burglary	7.7	5.6	5.3	5.7	4.7
Stolen Motor vehicle	4.4	5.0	4.7	3.7	3.4
Theft (excl motor vehicle theft)	26.5	22.8	19.0	24.1	22.8
Property damage	16.1	11.9	9.0	10.7	14.1
Other offences against property	1.7	4.0	6.7	13.7	4.0

Justice procedures	7.1	8.6	8.0	8.0	5.7
Firearms and weapons	1.7	0.7	0.3	1.0	1.0
Other offences against good order	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.7	3.0
Drug offences	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7
Traffic Offences	39.0	40.6	14.7	13.7	14.1
Total	119.6	116.2	80.8	96.4	86.3

Source: PROMIS as at 17 December 2024

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF THE CRIME RATE PER 1,000 PEOPLE IN PAGE BETWEEN 2019-20 TO 2023-24					
Offence	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Assault	8.7	7.1	3.3	6.7	3.0
Sexual offences	1.0	0.3	1.7	2.7	2.3
Other offences against the person	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.0
Robbery	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Burglary	5.1	4.5	3.3	3.7	4.6
Stolen Motor vehicle	2.9	1.3	1.3	2.7	3.6
Theft (excl motor vehicle theft)	11.5	11.6	9.3	8.7	7.3
Property damage	6.4	11.3	5.6	9.1	6.3
Other offences against property	3.5	1.3	1.7	5.7	2.0
Justice procedures	3.8	4.8	1.0	2.0	5.0
Firearms and weapons	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.7
Other offences against good order	4.2	1.3	2.0	1.3	2.3
Drug offences	2.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.0
Traffic Offences	12.8	13.9	5.6	5.7	5.0
Total	63.5	61.1	35.1	50.0	42.1

Source: PROMIS as at 17 December 2024

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF THE CRIME RATE PER 1,000 PEOPLE IN SCULLIN BETWEEN 2019-20 TO 2023-24					
Offence	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Assault	6.0	5.6	4.3	2.6	6.8
Sexual offences	0.3	5.6	0.3	0.3	0.0
Other offences against the person	0.0	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.6
Robbery	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.3
Burglary	3.3	2.6	1.3	5.2	2.3
Stolen Motor vehicle	3.6	2.3	2.0	2.3	1.6
Theft (excl motor vehicle theft)	15.3	6.6	5.9	7.5	6.8
Property damage	7.0	4.3	6.2	3.6	4.2
Other offences against property	1.3	2.3	3.6	2.6	2.3
Justice procedures	6.0	2.3	3.0	2.6	0.3
Firearms and weapons	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0

Other offences against good order	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.6
Drug offences	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Traffic Offences	21.9	15.2	7.2	1.3	4.5
Total	68.0	49.5	34.8	28.9	30.5

Source: PROMIS as at 17 December 2024

3. What are the offences committed in these suburbs, over the last five years, and what are the offences broken into serious and more minor offences.

The following tables show offence data drawn down from the Police Realtime Online Management Information System (PROMIS) which does not classify records as 'serious' or 'minor'. Given this, ACT Policing is not able to represent the requested data in such a manner.

OFFENCES COMMITTED IN HAWKER BETWEEN 2019-20 TO 2023-24					
Offence	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Assault	27	32	25	30	32
Sexual offences	1	7	5	2	1
Other offences against the person	4	3	3	4	3
Robbery	2	4	3	4	2
Burglary	23	17	16	17	14
Stolen Motor vehicle	13	15	14	11	10
Theft (excl motor vehicle theft)	79	69	57	72	68
Property damage	48	36	27	32	42
Other offences against property	5	12	20	41	12
Justice procedures	21	26	24	24	17
Firearms and weapons	5	2	1	3	3
Other offences against good order	9	6	3	5	9
Drug offences	3	0	0	2	2
Traffic Offences	116	123	44	41	42
Total	356	352	242	288	257

Source: PROMIS as at 17 December 2024

OFFENCES COMMITTED IN PAGE BETWEEN 2019-20 TO 2023-24					
Offence	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Homicide	0	3	0	0	0
Assault	27	22	10	20	9
Sexual offences	3	1	5	8	7
Other offences against the person	1	2	0	2	0
Robbery	1	1	0	0	0
Burglary	16	14	10	11	14
Stolen Motor vehicle	9	4	4	8	11
Theft (excl motor vehicle theft)	36	36	28	26	22

Property damage	20	35	17	27	19
Other offences against property	11	4	5	17	6
Justice procedures	12	15	3	6	15
Firearms and weapons	2	3	0	2	2
Other offences against good order	13	4	6	4	7
Drug offences	7	2	1	1	0
Traffic Offences	40	43	17	17	15
Total	198	189	106	149	127

Source: PROMIS as at 17 December 2024

OFFENCES COMMITTED IN SCULLIN BETWEEN 2019-20 TO 2023-24					
Offence	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Assault	18	17	13	8	21
Sexual offences	1	17	1	1	0
Other offences against the person	0	5	1	1	2
Robbery	3	1	0	2	1
Burglary	10	8	4	16	7
Stolen Motor vehicle	11	7	6	7	5
Theft (excl motor vehicle theft)	46	20	18	23	21
Property damage	21	13	19	11	13
Other offences against property	4	7	11	8	7
Justice procedures	18	7	9	8	1
Firearms and weapons	0	0	1	0	0
Other offences against good order	7	1	1	0	2
Drug offences	0	1	0	0	0
Traffic Offences	66	46	22	4	14
Total	205	150	106	89	94

Source: PROMIS as at 17 December 2024

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