

## Response to question on notice

### Questions on Notice Paper No 10

19 September 2025

Question No. 624

**Ms Deborah Morris MLA:** To ask the Attorney-General —

1. Since 1 January 2020, how many individuals granted bail in the ACT (a) had multiple prior bail breaches, or (b) committed a further offence while on bail.
2. How many bail applications were granted to persons referred to in part (1) in each of the past three years, and what proportion of those applications were for individuals previously denied bail on grounds of risk.
3. How many bail refusals and how many bail approvals were made in the last two years, in respect of individuals with two or more prior convictions in the previous four years.
4. For individuals who were convicted of an offence committed while on bail, what was the average period of time between the granting of bail and when the offence was committed, in each of the past three years.

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

While information about bail is held by ACT justice agencies, including ACT Policing, ACT Courts and Tribunal, and ACT Corrections, those systems do not produce consolidated reporting about the questions above.

It should be noted that there is no offence for breaching bail in the ACT and as such the Court does not necessarily make a finding that bail has been breached, even in cases where a new bail or remand decision is made.

Although it is possible in individual matters to determine whether a person granted bail has previously been denied bail, or has previously been convicted of an offence, or convicted of an offence whilst on bail, none of these consolidated data groups are reported by systems in the format requested. Therefore, it would require substantial resources, interrogation of multiple queries and designed external reporting to derive such information via examination of individual matters.

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It should also be noted that there are many reasons why bail may be refused for an individual in one case and potentially bail granted at another time in different circumstances and for different offences.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tara Cheyne', is written over the printed name.

**Tara Cheyne MLA  
Attorney-General**

**Date:** 21/10/25

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