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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice Paper No 1

6 December 2024

Question No. 2

PETER CAIN MLA: To ask the Attorney-General –

1. What is the (a) mean and (b) median amount of time for a criminal matter before the ACT Supreme Court to progress from committal to trial, as of December 2024.
2. What was the (a) mean and (b) median amount of time for a criminal matter before the ACT Supreme Court to progress from committal to trial, per year, between 2017-18 and 2023-24.
3. How many criminal matters before the ACT Supreme Court are currently awaiting trial callover.
4. How many criminal matters before the ACT Supreme Court currently awaiting trial callover were committed to the ACT Supreme Court more than 12 months ago, and what is the percentage of these matters relative to the total number of criminal matters before the ACT Supreme Court.

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

1. Data extraction for this question would be manual and resource intensive. This is because an individual person may have a charge or charges under one or multiple indictments and data cannot be extracted from the case management system to give these statistics without significant manual intervention which would take a senior staff member many weeks. Consequently, the Court cannot answer this question.

2. Data extraction for this question would be manual and resource intensive. This is because an individual person may have a charge or charges under one or multiple indictments and data cannot be extracted from the case management system to give these statistics without significant manual intervention which would take a senior staff member many months. Consequently, the Court cannot answer this question.
3. As at 9 December 2024, 69 matters are ready to take a trial date and are listed in the callover on 3 March 2025 to obtain that date.
4. As at 9 December 2024, of the 69 matters ready to take a trial date, three were committed more than 12 months ago. As at 9 December there were 433 pending criminal matters¹.

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¹ This figure has been calculated in accordance with the business rules established under RoGS reporting. A matter is considered pending until it has been finalised. Finalisation is classified under one of the following categories:

- Adjudicated finalisation
- Non-adjudicated finalisation
- Transfer to another court level