

Question on Notice

No. 72

Asked on 24 February 2021

MR T NICHOLLS ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND MINISTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON S FENTIMAN) –

QUESTION:

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 1200 asked on 18 September 2018—

Will the Attorney-General advise the number of convictions in 2020-21 to date, in relation to choking suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting (reported separately by each court)?

ANSWER:

I note that various domestic violence statistics (including statistics on the number of convictions for offences relating to choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting) are updated on the Courts website monthly and have been since 2018. Table 16 on that website provides the number of convictions for offences relating to choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting, per year, since the introduction of the offence. The domestic violence statistics are available at the following link: <https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/court-users/researchers-and-public/stats>.

The Palaszczuk Government recently announced a wide-ranging review into the experience of women across the criminal justice system to be undertaken by the Women's Safety and Justice taskforce, led by the Honourable Margaret McMurdo AC. The Women's Safety and Justice taskforce will look into possible future areas of reform, including attitudinal change, prevention, service response and legislative amendment.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed to tackling domestic and family violence on several fronts, and the establishment of the taskforce is a significant step towards meeting this commitment.