

Question on Notice
No. 1156
Asked on 26 October 2022

MRS A CAMM ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide (reported separately by region and year for the last three years) (a) the number of sexual assault reports and (b) of those, the number that have been withdrawn or not proceeded with at the request of the complainant?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that a QPS directive to record all Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) related offences may impact (increase) various reported offence categories.

I am further advised by the QPS that:

(a) the number of reported sexual offences for Queensland from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021 is detailed in the table below:

Number of Reported Sexual Offences, Queensland Police Regions, 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2021 ^(1,2,3)

Region	2019	2020	2021
Brisbane	1,280	1,202	1,750
Central	644	780	971
Far Northern	529	599	750
North Coast	1,469	1,534	1,849
Northern	588	772	777
South Eastern	1,173	1,246	1,553
Southern	890	1,101	1,381

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. The introduction of online reports for assault and sexual offences was introduced in 2020.

(b) the number of sexual assault reports for Queensland from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021 where the complaint was withdrawn is detailed in the table below:

Number of reported sexual offences and percentage of reported offences where the status is withdrawn by region, Queensland, 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2021 ^(1,2,3)

Region	Number		
	2019	2020	2021
Brisbane	303	310	397
Central	96	90	131
Far Northern	62	81	83
North Coast	262	317	362
Northern	95	92	121
South Eastern	239	248	375
Southern	148	182	330

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1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. The introduction of online reports for assault and sexual offences was introduced in 2020.
3. The action status type 'victim withdraws complaint' is to be used when the investigating officer has determined and documented in the occurrence that there is sufficient evidence that an offence has been committed but the victim does not wish to make a complaint, or the victim has formally withdrawn the complaint. A withdrawal of complaint or a wish not to make a complaint is to be instigated by the victim

and not coerced, recommended or suggested by a member. The decision is to be of the victim's own free will and not solicited or induced by a member.