

Question on Notice
No. 1223
Asked on 28 October 2022

MR T NICHOLLS ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the commencement of the Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Act 2016 in March 2017— Will the Minister advise since March 2017 (reported separately by year) (a) the number of consorting warnings issued, (b) the number of persons charged with habitual consorting, (c) the number of persons charged with the circumstance of aggravation for being part of a criminal organisation and (d) the number of OMCG participants that have been charged with offences and the total number of offences?

ANSWER:

Queensland has the strongest, toughest, most comprehensive anti-bikie gang laws in the nation.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) advise there has been around a 9.25% reduction in OMCG membership in Queensland since 2015, while across Australia, there has been an increase.

I am advised by the QPS that the data requested by the Member is detailed in the tables below:

(a)

| Year | Number of consorting warnings issued |
|-------------|---|
| 2016-17 | 245 |
| 2017-18 | 640 |
| 2018-19 | 393 |
| 2019-20 | 320 |
| 2020-21 | 188 |
| 2021-22 | 216 |

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Data relates to consorting warnings (retrospective and pre-emptive) issued between 1 March 2017 to 30 June 2022.
3. Data for 2022-23 is not available until the end of the financial year.

(b)

| Year | Number of unique persons |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 3 |
| 2017-18 | 5 |
| 2018-19 | 3 |
| 2019-20 | 1 |
| 2020-21 | 8 |
| 2021-22 | 16 |

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Data relates to section 77B of the Criminal Code between 1 March 2017 to 30 June 2022.
3. Data for 2022-23 is not available until the end of the financial year.
4. Figures shown is a unique person count. A person with multiple charges will be counted once per year.

(c)

| Year | Number of unique persons |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| 2016-17 | - |
| 2017-18 | 44 |
| 2018-19 | 103 |
| 2019-20 | 66 |
| 2020-21 | 41 |
| 2021-22 | 60 |

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Data relates to charges showing the serious organised crime circumstance of aggravation between 1 March 2017 to 30 June 2022.
3. Data for 2022-23 is not available until the end of the financial year.
4. Figures shown is a unique person count. A person with multiple charges will be counted once per year.
5. Charges with circumstance of aggravation have been identified using '161Q' or the charge wording includes '161O'.

(d)

| Year | Number of unique persons | Number of charges |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 2016-17 | 102 | 436 |
| 2017-18 | 406 | 1,788 |
| 2018-19 | 364 | 1,416 |
| 2019-20 | 297 | 1,222 |
| 2020-21 | 272 | 1,387 |
| 2021-22 | 287 | 1,492 |

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Data have been sourced from the OMCG Daily Statistical Summary and calculated as the difference between the figures of the two periods.
For example, the 2018 figure has been calculated as the difference between the numbers as at 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017.
3. Data for 2022-23 is not available until the end of the financial year.