

Question on Notice

No. 442

Asked on 19 April 2023

MR S ANDREW 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:

Will the Attorney-General advise the current prosecution rate in Queensland, including details (reported separately by year) as to (a) the total number of people charged with an offence in Queensland between 2017 and 2023, (b) total number of defendants convicted of an offence (summarily and on indictment) in Queensland between 2017 to 2023 and (c) the total number of defendants who were acquitted and or against whom charges were withdrawn between 2017 to 2022?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mirani for his question.

I am advised that:

- a) Between 1 January 2017 and 31 March 2023 (the most recent data available) the number of defendants charged with an offence was:

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (to 31 March)
208,545	207,647	206,252	191,896	175,401	178,615	47,999

- b) Between 1 January 2017 and 31 March 2023 (the most recent data available) the number of defendants convicted of an offence was:

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (to 31 March)
195,013	185,610	186,618	163,826	174,208	161,378	42,428

- c) Between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2022, the number of defendants who were acquitted and/or against whom charges were withdrawn in a Queensland Court was:

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
16,597	16,150	16,377	14,493	15,702	14,696

Please note that as cases are not always finalised in the same year in which they were lodged, the number of cases lodged will not equal the number of cases finalised in any given year.