

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Tuesday, 12 February 2019

1838. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for the Environment representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the alcohol restriction in Fitzroy and Halls Creek, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister outline the changes since the restrictions were introduced;
- (b) will the Minister list the services that have been provided since the restrictions were introduced, and how their effectiveness have been measured; and
- (c) will the Minister provide information on the amount of attacks on humans and infrastructure prior to the introduction of restrictions and since the restrictions?

Answer

The Western Australian Police Force advise:

(a) and (b) As these questions relate to the work of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (Racing, Gaming and Liquor), the Western Australia Police Force is not able to provide an answer, and the Honourable Member may wish to refer these questions to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming.

(c) Restrictions were introduced in Fitzroy Crossing in 2007 and in Halls Creek in 2009. As is explained in the caveats, there have been various changes to definitions with respect to the relationships that constitute family violence. So not all comparisons from year to year are valid.

The Number of Offences in the Fitzroy Crossing Sub-District by Year Reported:

Year	Offences against the person (Non-Family Violence)	Offences against the person (Family Violence)	Offences against Property
2006	53	76	213
2007	65	55	212
2008	55	112	244
2009	58	162	221
2010	88	141	232

2011	57	167	179
2012	56	180	258
2013	60	245	220
2014	58	154	233
2015	52	218	337
2016	54	232	267
2017	69	391	529
2018	50	298	373

The Number of Offences in the Halls Creek Sub-District by Year Reported:

Year	Offences against the person (Non-Family Violence)	Offences against the person (Family Violence)	Offences against Property
2008	98	214	216
2009	118	175	224
2010	42	124	169
2011	56	86	205
2012	45	96	163
2013	43	155	247
2014	82	90	248
2015	75	114	249
2016	82	198	432
2017	61	187	318
2018	126	191	542

Caveats:

Statistics are provisional and subject to revision.

Offences Against the Person (Non Family Violence) consists of: Homicide, Sexual Offences, Assault, Threatening Behaviour, Deprivation of Liberty and Robbery; where a family relationship has not been determined to exist between an offender and victim.

Offences Against the Person (Family Violence) consists of: Homicide, Sexual Offences, Assault, Threatening Behaviour, Deprivation of Liberty and Robbery; where a family relationship has been determined to exist between an offender and victim.

Offences Against Property consists of: Burglary, Stealing of Motor Vehicle, Stealing, Property Damage and Arson.

Statistics are of offences reported to or becoming known to police within the stated time period that have not been recorded with an outcome of Entered in Error, Falsely Reported, Mistakenly Reported, No Criminal Offence, or Offence Substituted.

Prior to 01 July 2017, a family/domestic relationship is defined for the purpose of recording incidents by the WA Police Force as:

- Intimate partners, meaning two persons who are or have been in a relationship with each other which has some degree of stability and continuity. It must reasonably be supposed to have, or have had a sexual aspect to the relationship. The partners do not have to be living together on a full time continuing basis and need not ever have done so; or*
- Immediate family members, meaning two persons who are related either directly, in-laws or as step family, and can involve Parent; Grandparent; One of the persons being a child who ordinarily resides, resided or regularly stays with the other person; and Guardian of an involved child.*

From 01 July 2017, a family relationship is defined for the purpose of recording incidents by the WA Police Force as immediate family, and involves:

- Partner / ex-partner*
- Parents*
- Guardians of children*
- Children who reside or regularly stay with involved parties*

Prior to 01 July 2017, an act of family and domestic violence is defined, as per section 6 of the Restraining Orders Act 1997 (WA), as one of the following acts that a person commits against another person with whom he or she is in a family and domestic relationship:

- a) assaulting or causing personal injury to the person;*
- b) kidnapping or depriving the person of his or her liberty;*
- c) damaging the persons property, including the injury or death of an animal that is the person's property;*
- d) behaving in an ongoing manner that is intimidating, offensive or emotionally abusive towards the person;*
- e) pursuing the person, or a third person, or causing the person or a third person to be pursued –
 - i) with intent to intimidate the person; or*
 - ii) in a manner that could reasonably be expected to intimidate, and that does in fact intimidate the person;**
- f) threatening to commit any act described in paragraphs (a) to (c) against the person.*

From 1 July 2017, a number of legislative amendments within the Restraining Orders Act 1997 have been implemented with subsequent changes to IMS. Family Violence is now defined in the Restraining Orders Act 1997 as:

- Violence, or a threat of violence used by a family member, or*
- Any other behaviour that coerces or controls a family member or causes a family member to be fearful.*

Data was extracted from the Incident Management System on 11 March 2019.

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