

SEXUAL OFFENCES, PROSECUTIONS AND CONVICTIONS

231. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Attorney General
- (1) Since January 1998, in the Perth Court of Petty Sessions, how many male persons and how many female persons have been -
- (a) prosecuted; and
- (b) convicted,
- under Section 322 of the *Criminal Code* (Sexual Offences) against a child of, or over, 16 years of age by a person in authority?
- (2) How many of the children offended against were male and how many were female?
- (3) Since January 1998, in the Perth Court of Petty Sessions, how many male persons have been -
- (a) prosecuted; and
- (b) convicted,
- under Section 322A of the *Criminal Code* (Offences against a juvenile male)?
- (4) Since January 1998, in the Perth Court of Petty Sessions, how many male persons and how many female persons have been -
- (a) prosecuted; and
- (b) convicted,
- under Section 329 of the *Criminal Code* (Sexual Offences by Relatives and the like)?
- (5) How many of the children offended against were male and how many were female?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1) (a) The number of male and female persons against whom prosecutions have commenced in the Perth Court of Petty Sessions since January 1998 is:
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| Female | Nil |
| Male | 9 |
- (b) None, because the matters can only be tried on indictment in the District Court or Supreme Court.
- (2) The Court of Petty Sessions does not record this information – The Minister for Police may be in a better position to respond.
- (3) (a) The number of male persons against whom prosecutions have commenced in the Perth Court of Petty Sessions since January 1998 is three.
- (b) The number of male persons who have been convicted in the Perth Court of Petty Session since January 1998 is one (the other two offenders were committed to the District Court for trial).
- (4) (a) The number of male and female persons against whom prosecutions have commenced in the Perth Court of Petty Sessions since January 1998 is:
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| Female | 4 |
| Male | 115 |
| Gender not recorded | 5 |
- (b) None, because the matters can only be tried on indictment in the District Court or Supreme Court.
- (5) The Court of Petty Sessions does not record this information – the Minister for Police may be in a better position to respond.