

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS - PROSECUTORS' WORKLOADS,  
BREAKDOWN OF STAFFING LEVELS AND STAFF WITH SECOND JOBS

2374. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Attorney General

- (1) Can the Attorney General provide a breakdown of the average caseload for Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) prosecutors -
  - (a) 1-2 years Post Admission Experience (PAE);
  - (b) 2-3 years PAE;
  - (c) 3-4 years PAE;
  - (d) 4-5 years PAE;
  - (e) 5-6 years PAE; and
  - (f) above 6 years PAE?
- (2) What has been the increase in workload and subsequent recruitment of prosecutors following the DPP taking over Children's Court prosecutions?
- (3) Can the Attorney General provide a breakdown of all the staffing levels and how many prosecutors are at each level?
- (4) Can the Attorney General advise the number of DPP staff who have second jobs, and what jobs they have?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

- (1) The following average caseloads are as at 15 June 2007. The figures include trials, sentencing and Children's Court matters heard before the President, but do not include Confiscations matters, appeals or advice files. Caseloads are weighted for part time prosecutors.
  - (a) 12
  - (b) 16
  - (c) 18
  - (d) 17
  - (e) 18
  - (f) 17
- (2) The ODPP commenced in the Perth Children's Court Magistrates jurisdiction on 4 December 2006. Three prosecutors were recruited by the ODPP for this additional work.

Since 4 December 2006 there have been 3577 new charges registered (or laid) with the Court. In addition, 1050 charges have been re-lodged as a result of bench warrants being executed and 2159 charges have been "reactivated" or returned to Court as a result of a breach of a disposition.

It should be noted that some of the charges in the latter two categories would be duplicated in the new charges (that is, a charge is lodged and then re-lodged as a result of a bench warrant and then potentially subsequently lodged once more for breach of an order) and others would predate the ODPP involvement in the Magistrates Court (that is, a bench warrant was issued prior to 4 December 2006 or the order which was breached similarly was originally imposed prior to that date).

The total number of guilty pleas entered since 4 December 2006 is 3034 (this would be in relation to the 3577 new charges although some pleas of guilty would be for charges which had been laid prior to the 4 December 2006). Each of these matters have required preparation and presentation by the ODPP.

A total of 179 charges were listed for trial during the period from 4 December 2006, which have all been prepared by the ODPP.

A total of 2169 individual offenders were dealt with by the ODPP. 1491 of those offenders were charged with the 3577 new offences, 253 were arrested on a bench warrant and 425 were "reactivated", that is sentenced for some form of breach of an order.
- (3) The following is a breakdown of the ODPP staffing levels and how many prosecutors are at each level as at 31 May 2007.

Classification Level	FTE Prosecutors	FTE Other Staff
SAT (DPP)	1	
SAT (DLS)	1	
SAT (CSP)	5	

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Class 4	2	
Class 3	13	
Class 1	16.4	
Level 7/8	14.5	
Level 6/7	22.25	
Level 4/5	17	
Level 3 (Articled Clerk)	5	
Level 2/4	5	
Level 9		1
Level 8		1
Level 7		2
Level 6		3
Level 5		5
Level 4		9
Level 3		32.5
Level 2		33.5
Level 1		15
Trainee		0.8
Total No. of FTE	102.15	102.8
		204.95

- (4) 15 employees have secondary employment (8 prosecutors and 7 other staff).

The secondary jobs are Army Reserves Captain/Instructor, Author, Electorate/ Research Officer, Fashion Designer, Lecturer and Examiner, Legal Officer Member of RAAF Specialist Reserve, Life Coach, Musician, Network Engineer, Night Filler, On-air Announcer and Outside Broadcast Technician, Piano Teacher, Sessional Lecturer and Tutor, Sewing Teacher, Wait Person.