

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services:

Child Sexual Assaults

1. How many offences of sexual or indecent assaults involving child victims were reported in the last five financial years from 2015/16 to 2020/21? Please breakdown by financial year.

Financial Year	
2015/16	178
2016/17	204
2017/18	213
2018/19	149
2019/20	153
2020/21	154

2. How many charges of sexual or indecent assaults involving child victims were laid in the last five financial years from 2015/16 to 2020/21? Please breakdown by financial year.

Financial Year	Charges
2015/16	219
2016/17	229
2017/18	227
2018/19	215
2019/20	188
2020/21	282

3. Representatives of the Australian Federal Police have reportedly been deployed to three very remote Northern Territory communities as part of a pilot study in partnership with Northern Territory Police in relation to child safety and preventing child sexual abuse. Please advise:

- a. What communities the AFP officers have been deployed to?

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b. The anticipated term of the AFP officers' deployment?

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c. Are there any reports or findings of the pilot study? If so, please provide a copy.

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d. If there are not currently any reports or findings of the pilot study or deployment, when is it anticipated that these will be complete?

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