

Estimates Committee 2005
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Subject: Conviction rates for unlawful sexual intercourse

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Question: Please provide the conviction rates for unlawful sexual intercourse for 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05

Answer:

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Answer: Reported sexual assaults are recorded in the Police Real-time On-line Management Information System (PROMIS) while Court proceedings are recorded in the Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS). As there is no link between the two systems it is not possible to definitely trace an individual incident report through the system to a resulting court proceeding.

Conviction rate data is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The Northern Territory's overall conviction rates for sexual assault in 2002-03 and 2003-04 are the same at 67% - Refer Table 1.

Table 1: Sexual Assault Conviction Rates by Higher and Magistrates Courts

	Higher Court			Magistrates Courts			All Courts		
	Defendants	Guilty	Conviction Rate	Defendants	Guilty	Conviction Rate	Defendants	Guilty	Conviction Rate
2002-03*	33	25	76%	18	9	50%	51	34	67%
2003-04	38	31	82%	40	21	53%	78	52	67%

Source: ABS Catalogue Number 4513.0 2002-03 and 2003-04

* Experimental Data for Magistrates' Courts