

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Mr Bill Yan

To: Hon Natasha Fyles MLA

Portfolio: Minister for Health

Agency: Department of Health

Subject: People on the BDR for domestic violence offences

QUESTION:

For year-end up to March 2021, there were 5,162 domestic violence-related assaults in the Northern Territory yet in April 2021, only 25 of the 3,519 people on the BDR were placed onto it due to a domestic violence order.

ANSWER:

Domestic Violence Order bans are where the person has not been charged with an offence like assault. Where a domestic violence assault has been charged, the ban will be included under the Police pathway.

Up to June 2020, the monthly BDR report included data counting the number of people on the BDR by the pathway and the number of times domestic violence was involved in the initiating incident. In June 2020, there were 3,533 people on the BDR and domestic violence was involved in 965 of the initiating incidents.