



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 89

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Uibo to the Attorney-General, Hon Marie-Clare Boothby MLA:

Criminal Charges and Sentencing Data

1. Between 25 August 2024 and 31 March 2025, what types of offences have individuals been charged with in the Northern Territory?
2. What is the total number of charges laid against individuals in the Northern Territory from 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025 against each type of offence?

The table below shows the number of charges against individuals by offence category between 25 August 2024 and 31 March 2025.

Offence type	Count of charges
01 Homicide	25
02 Assault	5,036
03 Sexual offences	436
04 Harm or endanger persons	916
05 Robbery, blackmail and extortion	240
06 Burglary	810
07 Theft	1,496
08 Fraud and related offences	135
09 Drug offences	928
10 Weapons and explosives offences	946
11 Property damage	1,653
12 Public order, health, and safety offences	933
13 Traffic and vehicle offences	5,893
14 Offences against justice procedures and orders	5,920
15 Offences against government	251
16 Environmental offences	162
17 Miscellaneous offences	21
Grand Total	25,801

- 3. Between 25 August 2024 and 31 March 2025, how many youths and adults have been charged under the new 'post and boast' laws introduced by the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2024*? Provide a breakdown by youth and adult categories, including age groups. Additionally, how many youths and adults have been sentenced under these provisions? Please separate youth and adult categories by age group.**

As of 31 March 2025, seven individuals had been charged with post-and-boast offences, including one adult aged 19 and six youths aged 13 to 17 years. As of 31 March 2025, two young people aged 14 and 16 years and no adults had been sentenced for this offence.

- 4. Between 25 August 2024 and 31 March 2025, how many youths and adults have been charged with a ram raiding offence under the *Criminal Code Amendment Act 2024*? Provide a breakdown by youth and adult categories, including age groups. Additionally, how many of these individuals have been sentenced, again separating youths and adults?**

As of 31 March 2025, 14 individuals had been charged with ram-raid offences, including three adults aged 19 to 21 years and 11 youths aged 13 to 17 years. As of 31 March 2025, two young people aged 13 years and no adults had been sentenced for this offence.

- 5. How many youths have been charged in total from 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025?**

A total of 439 individual youths were charged from 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

- 6. How many adults have been charged in total from 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025?**

A total of 6982 individual adults were charged from 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

- 7. How many youths have been sentenced from 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025?**

A total of 308 individual youths were sentenced from 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

- 8. How many adults have been sentenced from 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025?**

A total of 5629 individual adults were sentenced from 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025.

9. **From 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025, how many youths have been sentenced for assaulting frontline workers under the *Sentencing Amendment Act 2024*? Provide a breakdown by age and gender.**

The *Sentencing Amendment Act 2024* applies to offences committed after the commencement of the Act, which was on 2 November 2024. As of 31 March 2025, four youths aged 14 to 17 years (three males, one female) had received sentences for assaults on Police and emergency service workers committed on or after 2 November 2024.

10. **From 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025, how many adults have been sentenced for assaulting frontline workers under the *Sentencing Amendment Act 2024*? Provide a breakdown by age and gender.**

The *Sentencing Amendment Act 2024* applies to offences committed after the commencement of the Act, which was on 2 November 2024. As of 31 March 2025, 28 adults aged 18 to 62 years (22 males, six females) had received sentences for assaults on Police and emergency service workers committed on or after 2 November 2024.

Notes:

1. Determination of age is as at the date of the offence for all questions.
2. Where a date of birth is not given for charges, these are determined to be charges against businesses or other non-individual entities and so are not included in the count of charges against individuals (all questions).
3. Sentenced individuals are those receiving an order representing a finding of guilt (questions 3 to 4, 7 to 10).
4. Sentences given in the period 25 August 2024 to 31 March 2025 (questions 7 to 8) may have been for charges laid earlier.