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Dear [REDACTED]

Please find below a response to the questions you have raised in your application under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 ('the FOI Act').

### **1. How many family violence cases were dismissed last year?**

We have interpreted this question broadly to capture a greater amount of information. The term 'dismissed' refers to when the Court dismisses a matter. The term 'dismissed' also captures those matters which a finding of guilt was made by the Court, but the Court proceeds to record a non-conviction. In the 23-24 financial year, a total of 222 family violence cases were dismissed by the Courts. Many of these were dismissed by the Courts on their own volition (as explored in relation to question 3). Matters which were dismissed due to police and/or the ODPP offering no evidence (on the police's behalf) are outlined in question 3, and also referred to in the published Annual Report.

### **2. What is the gender breakdown of male and female of dismissed cases?**

In 161 of the above cases dismissed by the Courts, the defendant was male. In 62 of the above cases dismissed by the Courts, the defendant was female.

### **3. What were the reasons for the dismissals?**

We are unable to provide complete data on this, as it is the Courts who dismiss cases. However, while we cannot provide reasons for every dismissal, we are able to provide some data where matters were dismissed for specific reasons under legislation.

A summary is set out below:

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#### Related to mental impairment and fitness:

- 2 matters were dismissed under s 19B(1)(c) of the Crimes Act 1914 (Cth);
- 1 matter was dismissed under s 20BQ of the Crimes Act 1914 (Cth);
- 1 matter was dismissed under s 315(4) of the Crimes Act 1900 (ACT);
- 20 matters were dismissed under s 334 of the Crimes Act 1900 (ACT).

#### Related to care and protection of a young person:

- 3 matters were dismissed under s 74K of the Court Procedures Act 2004 (ACT);
- 9 matters were dismissed under s 74M(2) of the Court Procedures Act 2004 (ACT).

For further detail, please see the attached spreadsheet.

Please note that under s 52 of the FOI Act, your access application and the information

given in response will be made available to the public through our disclosure log.

I trust this information has been of assistance. Thank you for contacting our office.

Best regards,  
Lauren



**Lauren Duong**

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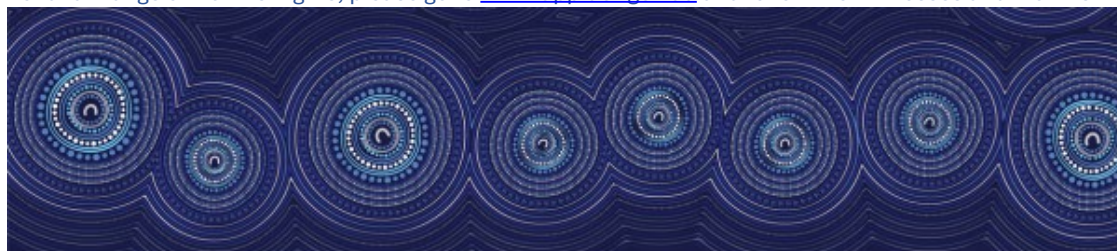
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**We wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.**

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## FOI Contact Officer

I have made a genuine effort to search the documents available on your website but have had no success finding the information.

I want to know

1. How many family violence cases were dismissed last year?

2. What is the gender breakdown of male and female of dismissed cases?
3. What were the reasons for the dismissals?

While I am not seeking personal information simply statistical data, I will acknowledge that I have a personal interest in these figures.

Regards

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