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By Email Only: policeinquiry@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Haddad,

Re: Question on Notice – Inquiry into Tasmania Police responses to allegations of officer misconduct

Thank you for your request for additional information.

A review of the requests for advice for allegations against police officers reveal that of the 132 matters referred to the Office since 2018, 38 involved allegations of family or sexual violence. There were 3 where recommendations were made to prosecute a criminal offence, with five still being assessed at the time of writing this response.

There can be several reasons why no prosecution is recommended, the complainant may be unwilling, there may be insufficient evidence to prove a crime was committed, or there may be alternate options to dispose of the matter if it is minor in nature. Further, the small number of requests for advice that resulted in a recommendation to prosecute, is similarly reflected in those that did not involve allegations of family or sexual violence. Of the remaining 94 requests, only 20 resulted in a recommendation to prosecute. This reflects the high standard of proof required when assessing whether a reasonable prospect of conviction exists that a crime or offence has been committed.

Yours Sincerely

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