

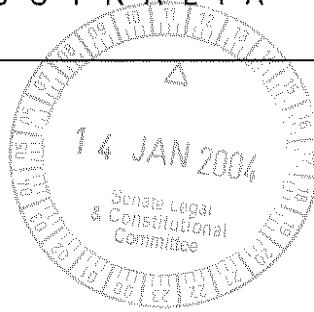


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Dear Ms Gell,

I refer to my letter dated 15 December 2003 and enclose supplementary information supplied by The Office of Crime Statistics And Research in answer to questions taken on notice at the Inquiry into Legal Aid and Access to Justice in Port Augusta on 11 November 2003 and to the written question on notice subsequently requested by Senator Buckland.

Please advise if we can be of any further assistance to the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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Number and rate per 1,000 population of total recorded offences for Adelaide Statistical Division and non-Adelaide Statistical Divisions in South Australia and total South Australia, 1999 to 2002

| Year | Adelaide Statistical Division |                      | Other Statistical Divisions in SA |                      | South Australia |                      |
|------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|      | Number                        | Rate/1000 population | Number                            | Rate/1000 population | Number          | Rate/1000 population |
| 1999 | 188,706                       | 172.7                | 55,353                            | 138.4                | 244,504         | 163.8                |
| 2000 | 216,347                       | 197.4                | 57,930                            | 144.3                | 274,465         | 183.3                |
| 2001 | 231,100                       | 208.6                | 63,315                            | 156.8                | 294,550         | 194.8                |
| 2002 | 231,325                       | 207.6                | 65,302                            | 160.9                | 296,862         | 195.3                |

Number and rate per 1,000 population of apprehension reports for Adelaide Statistical Division and non-Adelaide Statistical Divisions in South Australia and South Australia as a whole, 1999 to 2002

| Year | Adelaide Statistical Division |                      | Other Statistical Divisions in SA |                      | South Australia |                      |
|------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|      | Number                        | Rate/1000 population | Number                            | Rate/1000 population | Number          | Rate/1000 population |
| 1999 | 32,552                        | 29.8                 | 16,385                            | 41.0                 | 48,754          | 32.7                 |
| 2000 | 37,823                        | 34.5                 | 17,704                            | 44.1                 | 55,294          | 36.9                 |
| 2001 | 39,351                        | 35.5                 | 18,658                            | 46.2                 | 57,800          | 38.2                 |
| 2002 | 40,421                        | 36.3                 | 20,040                            | 49.4                 | 60,229          | 39.6                 |

Note: rates were calculated using populations from Regional Population Growth, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Cat No. 3218.0

Please note: The trends in the number of offences and apprehension reports over the four year period are influenced by changes in legislation and police work practices. For example, legislation that came into effect on the 25 December 1999 required offences associated with an act of serious criminal trespass such as larceny to be recorded on an incident report, instead of a single break and enter offence. Additionally, the procedure for dealing with minor traffic offences changed in that since 1 July 1999, these offences were dealt with by way of apprehension report instead of traffic breach reports.