Police charged with sexual violence offences, 2017 - 2024

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1. Information released under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth):

There have been six (6) police charged with sexual violence offences between the years 2017 and 2024.

2. The following caveats are provided to this information:

a. The definition of 'sexual violence' as defined in sections 268.19, 268 64 and 268.87 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) has been used to determine whether a criminal charge s to be included in this report.

b. This number has been located through running a report on a special category within Police Realtime Online Management Information System (PROMIS) Integrity. This category is a check box that flags whether an AFP appointee has been charged with a crime. This reporting mechanism was implemented in 2022, although checks have been performed on all cases from 2017-2024 in case any matters were back captured. These matters were then individually interrogated to see if the criminal charges were related to 'sexual violence'.

   In addition, text searches over the phrases 'sexual harassment', 'sexual assault', 'sexual violence', 'sexual nature' and 'sexual behaviour' were made over cases opened between 2017 and 2024 that did not include the aforementioned criminally charged check box. Each matter was then manually interrogated to determine whether criminal charges were laid.

c. It is not feasible to manually interrogate every CRAMS/PROMIS Integrity case between 2017-2024 to determine whether there are other cases that fall within the scope of this request.

d. There are no other reporting mechanisms in CRAMS/PROMIS Integrity which allow us to capture any other cases which may have been missed, or where reportable information in inadequately recorded in our systems.

e. The scope of this request refers to 'police', however the number includes all AFP appointees, regardless of sworn status.

f. In two of the six cases, the criminal charge was withdrawn or dismissed. Further, some of these matters have not yet been finalised and are still ongoing through the court system.

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