

ISSUE:

Community based sentencing options for rural and remote areas and disadvantaged populations.

BACKGROUND:

On the 27th June, 2005 Inspector Godden gave evidence to the Standing Committee on Law and Justice. A request has been received for information regarding two questions taken on notice during that hearing.

Inspector Godden is currently absent from the Command. I have prepared answers to the relevant questions.

COMMENT:

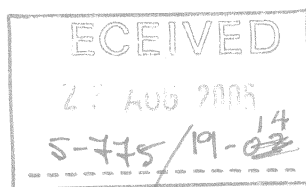
Question 1. With regard to the assault rates, which are registered as the highest, are most of those domestic violence matters?

I have researched assault matters for the command over the past 12 month period. There were a total of 807 assaults recorded. I have attached a break down of the associated factors relating to those assaults (Annexure A).

Question 2. Exactly how many police are in the Griffith Local area, all those little towns.

Griffith LAC has an authorised strength of 118. There a 13 small sector stations (1, 2 and 3 man stations). Of these there a four positions waiting to be filled. The breakdown is as follows;

Hillston (3 unit station) awaiting 1 officer. Barellan, Barmedman and Yenda (Single unit stations) are waiting to be filled. All positions have been advertised per Service policy.

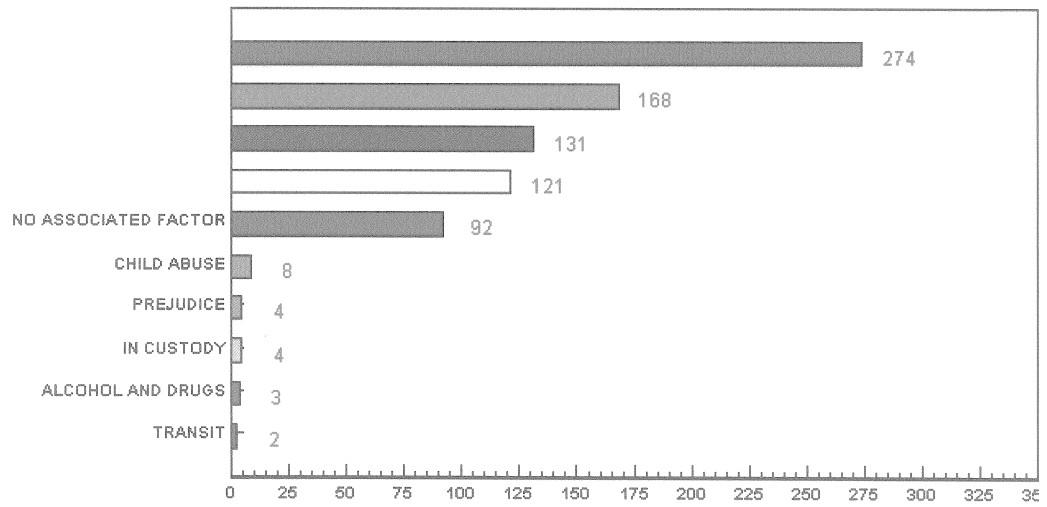


RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

M Bevan
Sergeant
Griffith
17th August, 2005.

*Notes - Please forward document in envelope
forwarded - Please ensure copy is retained in TRIM
(1) EXECUTIVE OFFICER*



Associated Factor for ASSAULT	Incidents
ALCOHOL	274
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	168
ALCOHOL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	131
OTHER	121
NO ASSOCIATED FACTOR	92
CHILD ABUSE	8
PREJUDICE	4
IN CUSTODY	4
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS	3
TRANSIT	2