## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CRIME

### Table 1 - Pre-Charge Decisions

|                              | 2006   | i - 07 | 2007 - 08 |       | 2008 - 09 |       | 2009 - 10 |       | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|                              | Vol    | %      | Vol       | %     | Vol       | %     | Vol       | %     | Vol       | %     | Vol       | %     |
| Charged                      | 38,920 | 53.1%  | 49,335    | 61.8% | 54,983    | 63.2% | 60,054    | 60.7% | 66,986    | 61.2% | 65,242    | 64.0% |
| Request for further evidence | 897    | 1.2%   | 565       | 0.7%  | 510       | 0.6%  | 596       | 0.6%  | 572       | 0.5%  | 471       | 0.5%  |
| No prosecution               | 21,699 | 29.6%  | 23,113    | 29.0% | 23,977    | 27.6% | 28,460    | 28.8% | 31,493    | 28.8% | 27,886    | 27.4% |
| All other decisions          | 11,713 | 16.0%  | 6,774     | 8.5%  | 7,550     | 8.7%  | 9,757     | 9.9%  | 10,321    | 9.4%  | 8,340     | 8.2%  |
| Total                        | 73,229 |        | 79,787    |       | 87,020    |       | 98,867    |       | 109,372   |       | 101,939   |       |

Statutory Charging was fully rolled out on 3 April 2006

\*Sexual Offences excluding rape are not included in the pre-charge decision data.

Table 2 - Completed Prosecutions by Outcome

|              | 2006   | - 07  | 2007   | <sup>-</sup> - 08 | 2008   | 8 - 09 | 2009   | - 10  | 2010   | - 11  | 2011 - 12 |       |
|--------------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
|              | Volume | %     | Volume | %                 | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Convictions  | 44,836 | 65.0% | 51,974 | 68.9%             | 56,438 | 71.9%  | 61,677 | 71.8% | 68,154 | 71.5% | 66,860    | 73.1% |
| Unsuccessful | 24,094 | 35.0% | 23,478 | 31.1%             | 22,085 | 28.1%  | 24,227 | 28.2% | 27,103 | 28.5% | 24,606    | 26.9% |
| Total        | 68,930 |       | 75,452 |                   | 78,523 |        | 85,904 |       | 95,257 |       | 91,466    |       |

### **Table 3 - Prosecution Outcomes**

|  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | - 10  | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|--|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|  | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %     |
| Prosecutions Dropped <i>inc.</i><br>discontinued, no evidence offered<br>& withdrawn | 16,197 | 20.6% | 17,735 | 20.6% | 20,165 | 21.2% | 18,139 | 19.8% |
| of which - no evidence offered   | 8,657  | 11.0% | 9,642  | 11.2% | 11,000 | 11.5% | 10,290 | 11.3% |
| Dismissed after full trial   | 2,702  | 3.4%  | 3,067  | 3.6%  | 3,140  | 3.3%  | 3,030  | 3.3%  |
| Judge directed acquittal   | 204    | 0.3%  | 227    | 0.3%  | 249    | 0.3%  | 185    | 0.2%  |
| Jury acquittal   | 1,785  | 2.3%  | 2,058  | 2.4%  | 2,474  | 2.6%  | 2,281  | 2.5%  |
| All Other Unsuccessful Outcomes  | 1,197  | 1.5%  | 1,140  | 1.3%  | 1,075  | 1.1%  | 971    | 1.1%  |
| Unsuccessful Outcomes  | 22,085 | 28.1% | 24,227 | 28.2% | 27,103 | 28.5% | 24,606 | 26.9% |
| Guilty plea  | 49,725 | 63.3% | 54,484 | 63.4% | 60,352 | 63.4% | 60,338 | 66.0% |
| Conviction after trial   | 6,605  | 8.4%  | 7,069  | 8.2%  | 7,685  | 8.1%  | 6,353  | 6.9%  |
| Proved in absence  | 108    | 0.1%  | 124    | 0.1%  | 117    | 0.1%  | 169    | 0.2%  |
| Convictions  | 56,438 | 71.9% | 61,677 | 71.8% | 68,154 | 71.5% | 66,860 | 73.1% |
| Total Prosecutions   | 78,523 |       | 85,904 |       | 95,257 |       | 91,466 |       |

### Table 4 - Completed Prosecutions by VAW Crime Type

|                                | 2006   | - 07  | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | - 10  | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|                                | Volume | %     |
| Domestic Violence              | 57,361 | 83.2% | 63,819 | 84.6% | 67,094 | 85.4% | 74,113 | 86.3% | 82,187 | 86.3% | 79,268 | 86.7% |
| Rape                           | 3,264  | 4.7%  | 3,503  | 4.6%  | 3,495  | 4.5%  | 3,819  | 4.4%  | 4,208  | 4.4%  | 3,864  | 4.2%  |
| Sexual Offences excluding rape | 8,305  | 12.0% | 8,130  | 10.8% | 7,934  | 10.1% | 7,972  | 9.3%  | 8,862  | 9.3%  | 8,334  | 9.1%  |
| Total                          | 68,930 |       | 75,452 |       | 78,523 |       | 85,904 |       | 95,257 |       | 91,466 |       |

## Table 5 - Key Reasons for Unsuccessful Prosecutions

|  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | ) - 10 | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12         |
|--|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------------|
|  | Volume | %     | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %            |
| Victim Retraction                        | 3,690  | 16.7% | 4,201  | 17.3%  | 4,822  | 17.8% | 4,266  | 15.7%        |
| Victim Non-Attendance                    | 2,280  | 10.3% | 2,688  | 11.1%  | 3,011  | 11.1% | 3,257  | 12.0%        |
| Evidence of Victim does not support case | 3,757  | 17.0% | 3,966  | 16.4%  | 4,171  | 15.4% | 3,550  | 13.1%        |
| Total Victim Issues                      | 9,727  | 44.0% | 10,855 | 44.8%  | 12,004 | 44.3% | 11,073 | 40.9%        |
| Caution                                  | 219    | 1.0%  | 277    | 1.1%   | 345    | 1.3%  | 254    | 0.9%         |
| Bindover                                 | 900    | 4.1%  | 810    | 3.3%   | 963    | 3.6%  | 627    | 2.3%         |
| Conflict of Evidence                     | 1,172  | 5.3%  | 1,255  | 5.2%   | 1,447  | 5.3%  | 1,390  | 5.1%         |
| Essential Legal Element Missing          | 1,806  | 8.2%  | 1,927  | 8.0%   | 2,104  | 7.8%  | 1,855  | 6.8%         |
| Unreliable Witness                       | 1,228  | 5.6%  | 1,268  | 5.2%   | 1,327  | 4.9%  | 1,102  | 4.1%         |
| Effect on Victim/Witness mental health   | 144    | 0.7%  | 116    | 0.5%   | 153    | 0.6%  | 100    | 0.4%         |
| Acquittals                               | 3,943  | 17.9% | 4,627  | 19.1%  | 5,271  | 19.4% | 5,065  | 18.7%        |
| Total Key Reasons                        | 19,139 | 86.7% | 21,135 | 87.2%  | 23,614 | 87.1% | 21,466 | <b>79.2%</b> |
| All Other Reasons                        | 2,245  | 10.2% | 2,467  | 10.2%  | 2,885  | 10.6% | 2,571  | 9.5%         |
| Administrative finalisations             | 701    | 3.2%  | 625    | 2.6%   | 604    | 2.2%  | 569    | 2.1%         |
| Total                                    | 22,085 |       | 24,227 |        | 27,103 |       | 24,606 |              |

### Table 6 - Comparison of Key Victim Issues

|   | 2008 - 19 |       | 2009   | - 10  | 2010   | - 11  | 2011 - 12 |       |
|---|-----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
|   | Volume    | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Total Unsuccessful due to victim issues | 9,727     | 12.4% | 10,855 | 12.6% | 12,004 | 12.6% | 11,073    | 12.1% |
| Total Unsuccessful                      | 22,085    | 28.1% | 24,227 | 28.2% | 27,103 | 28.5% | 24,606    | 26.9% |
| Total Convictions                       | 56,438    | 71.9% | 61,677 | 71.8% | 68,154 | 71.5% | 66,860    | 73.1% |
| Total Prosecutions                      | 78,523    |       | 85,904 |       | 95,257 |       | 91,466    |       |

#### Table 7 - Completed Prosecutions by Gender of Defendant

|         | 2006   | 6 - 07 | 2007   | ′ - 08 | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | - 10  | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|         | Volume | %      | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %     |
| Women   | 3,339  | 4.8%   | 4,176  | 5.5%   | 4,668  | 5.9%  | 5,476  | 6.4%  | 6,161  | 6.5%  | 5,668  | 6.0%  |
| Men     | 65,580 | 95.1%  | 71,263 | 94.4%  | 73,827 | 94.0% | 80,413 | 93.6% | 89,071 | 93.5% | 85,788 | 90.1% |
| Unknown | 11     | 0.0%   | 13     | 0.0%   | 28     | 0.0%  | 15     | 0.0%  | 25     | 0.0%  | 10     | 0.0%  |
| Total   | 68,930 |        | 75,452 |        | 78,523 |       | 85,904 |       | 95,257 |       | 91,466 |       |

### Table 8 - Gender of Victims

|         | 2006   | 6 - 07 | 2007 - 08 |       | 2008 - 09 |       | 2009   | - 10  | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|---------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|         | Volume | %      | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Women   | 7,892  | 29.3%  | 19,514    | 37.3% | 34,705    | 54.5% | 51,970 | 68.7% | 66,194    | 73.0% | 63,980    | 72.6% |
| Men     | 1,405  | 5.2%   | 3,239     | 6.2%  | 6,064     | 9.5%  | 9,336  | 12.3% | 12,533    | 13.8% | 11,831    | 13.4% |
| Unknown | 17,682 | 65.5%  | 29,524    | 56.5% | 22,914    | 36.0% | 14,367 | 19.0% | 11,987    | 13.2% | 12,301    | 14.0% |
| Total   | 26,979 |        | 52,277    |       | 63,683    |       | 75,673 |       | 90,714    |       | 88,112    |       |

\*Data does not include victims of Sexual Offences that exclude rape.

\*\*Data from 2006 - 07 was reported for all victims whether civilian or not, data from 2007 - 08 only reports civilian victims.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIME

## Table 1 - Pre-Charge Decisions

|                              | 2007   | <b>′</b> - 08 | 2008 - 09 |       | 2009 - 10 |       | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|------------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|                              | Vol    | %             | Vol       | %     | Vol       | %     | Vol       | %     | Vol       | %     |
| Charged                      | 47,115 | 63.6%         | 52,418    | 65.2% | 57,256    | 62.8% | 64,004    | 63.2% | 62,369    | 65.6% |
| Request for further evidence | 510    | 0.7%          | 467       | 0.6%  | 507       | 0.6%  | 507       | 0.5%  | 414       | 0.4%  |
| No prosecution               | 20,088 | 27.1%         | 20,466    | 25.4% | 24,274    | 26.6% | 27,132    | 26.8% | 24,581    | 25.8% |
| All other decisions          | 6,352  | 8.6%          | 7,072     | 8.8%  | 9,147     | 10.0% | 9,599     | 9.5%  | 7,753     | 8.2%  |
| Total                        | 74,065 |               | 80,423    |       | 91,184    |       | 101,242   |       | 95,117    |       |

Statutory Charging was fully rolled out on 3 April 2006

### Table 2 - Completed Prosecutions by Outcome

|              | 2005   | - 06  | 2006   | - 07  | 2007 - 08 |       | 2008 - 09 |       | 2009 - 10 |       | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011   | - 12  |
|--------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
|              | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume | %     |
| Convictions  | 29,719 | 59.7% | 37,383 | 65.2% | 43,977    | 68.9% | 48,465    | 72.2% | 53,347    | 72.0% | 59,101    | 71.9% | 58,138 | 73.3% |
| Unsuccessful | 20,063 | 40.3% | 19,978 | 34.8% | 19,842    | 31.1% | 18,629    | 27.8% | 20,766    | 28.0% | 23,086    | 28.1% | 21,130 | 26.7% |
| Total        | 49,782 |       | 57,361 |       | 63,819    |       | 67,094    |       | 74,113    |       | 82,187    |       | 79,268 |       |

### **Table 3 - Prosecution Outcomes**

| -   | 2007   | ′ - 08 | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | ) - 10 | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|   | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %     |
| Prosecutions Dropped inc.<br>discontinued, no evidence offered<br>& withdrawn | 15,788 | 24.7%  | 14,425 | 21.5% | 16,101 | 21.7%  | 18,320 | 22.3% | 16,538 | 20.9% |
| of which - no evidence offered  | 8,505  | 13.3%  | 7,632  | 11.4% | 8,665  | 11.7%  | 9,812  | 11.9% | 9,271  | 11.7% |
| Dismissed after full trial  | 2,359  | 3.7%   | 2,554  | 3.8%  | 2,916  | 3.9%   | 2,979  | 3.6%  | 2,888  | 3.6%  |
| Judge directed acquittal  | 83     | 0.1%   | 77     | 0.1%  | 104    | 0.1%   | 102    | 0.1%  | 82     | 0.1%  |
| Jury acquittal  | 441    | 0.7%   | 547    | 0.8%  | 658    | 0.9%   | 783    | 1.0%  | 774    | 1.0%  |
| All Other Unsuccessful Outcomes   | 1,171  | 1.8%   | 1,026  | 1.5%  | 987    | 1.3%   | 902    | 1.1%  | 848    | 1.1%  |
| Unsuccessful Outcomes   | 19,842 | 31.1%  | 18,629 | 27.8% | 20,766 | 28.0%  | 23,086 | 28.1% | 21,130 | 26.7% |
| Guilty plea   | 39,326 | 61.6%  | 43,586 | 65.0% | 48,027 | 64.8%  | 53,460 | 65.0% | 53,543 | 67.5% |
| Conviction after trial  | 4,552  | 7.1%   | 4,781  | 7.1%  | 5,204  | 7.0%   | 5,532  | 6.7%  | 4,444  | 5.6%  |
| Proved in absence   | 99     | 0.2%   | 98     | 0.1%  | 116    | 0.2%   | 109    | 0.1%  | 151    | 0.2%  |
| Convictions   | 43,977 | 68.9%  | 48,465 | 72.2% | 53,347 | 72.0%  | 59,101 | 71.9% | 58,138 | 73.3% |
| Total Prosecutions  | 63,819 |        | 67,094 |       | 74,113 |        | 82,187 |       | 79,268 |       |

## Table 4 - Key Reasons for Unsuccessful Prosecutions

|  | 2007   | <sup>-</sup> - 08 | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | ) - 10 | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|--|--------|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|  | Volume | %                 | Volume | %     | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %     |
| Victim Retraction                        | 4,207  | 21.2%             | 3,470  | 18.6% | 4,002  | 19.3%  | 4,617  | 20.0% | 4,116  | 17.8% |
| Victim Non-Attendance                    | 2,409  | 12.1%             | 2,226  | 11.9% | 2,647  | 12.7%  | 2,955  | 12.8% | 3,203  | 13.9% |
| Evidence of Victim does not support case | 3,406  | 17.2%             | 3,536  | 19.0% | 3,731  | 18.0%  | 3,943  | 17.1% | 3,348  | 14.5% |
| Total Victim Issues                      | 10,022 | 50.5%             | 9,232  | 49.6% | 10,380 | 50.0%  | 11,515 | 49.9% | 10,667 | 46.2% |
| Caution                                  | 234    | 1.2%              | 196    | 1.1%  | 244    | 1.2%   | 307    | 1.3%  | 223    | 1.0%  |
| Bindover                                 | 1,311  | 6.6%              | 881    | 4.7%  | 794    | 3.8%   | 934    | 4.0%  | 614    | 2.7%  |
| Conflict of Evidence                     | 764    | 3.9%              | 833    | 4.5%  | 948    | 4.6%   | 1,065  | 4.6%  | 1,048  | 4.5%  |
| Essential Legal Element Missing          | 1,376  | 6.9%              | 1,451  | 7.8%  | 1,578  | 7.6%   | 1,715  | 7.4%  | 1,536  | 6.7%  |
| Unreliable Witness                       | 957    | 4.8%              | 924    | 5.0%  | 994    | 4.8%   | 1,027  | 4.4%  | 852    | 3.7%  |
| Effect on Victim/Witness mental health   | 79     | 0.4%              | 103    | 0.6%  | 77     | 0.4%   | 117    | 0.5%  | 74     | 0.3%  |
| Acquittals                               | 2,357  | 11.9%             | 2,591  | 13.9% | 3,131  | 15.1%  | 3,455  | 15.0% | 3,426  | 14.8% |
| Total Key Reasons                        | 17,100 | 86.2%             | 16,211 | 87.0% | 18,146 | 87.4%  | 20,135 | 87.2% | 18,440 | 79.9% |
| All Other Reasons                        | 1,970  | 9.9%              | 1,821  | 9.8%  | 2,085  | 10.0%  | 2,444  | 10.6% | 2,205  | 9.6%  |
| Administrative finalisations             | 772    | 3.9%              | 597    | 3.2%  | 535    | 2.6%   | 507    | 2.2%  | 485    | 2.1%  |
| Total                                    | 19,842 |                   | 18,629 |       | 20,766 |        | 23,086 |       | 21,130 |       |

## Table 5 - Comparison of Key Victim Issues

|   | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | 8 - 09 | 2009   | - 10  | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|---|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|   | Volume | %     | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %     |
| Total Unsuccessful due to victim issues | 10,022 | 15.7% | 9,232  | 13.8%  | 10,380 | 14.0% | 11,515 | 14.0% | 10,667 | 13.5% |
| Total Unsuccessful                      | 19,842 | 31.1% | 18,629 | 27.8%  | 20,766 | 28.0% | 23,086 | 28.1% | 21,130 | 26.7% |
| Total Convictions                       | 43,977 | 68.9% | 48,465 | 72.2%  | 53,347 | 72.0% | 59,101 | 71.9% | 58,138 | 73.3% |
| Total Prosecutions                      | 63,819 |       | 67,094 |        | 74,113 |       | 82,187 |       | 79,268 |       |

|         | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | ) - 10 | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|         | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %     |
| Women   | 3,770  | 5.9%  | 4,266  | 6.4%  | 5,082  | 6.9%   | 5,844  | 7.1%  | 5,386  | 6.6%  |
| Men     | 60,037 | 94.1% | 62,805 | 93.6% | 69,019 | 93.1%  | 76,323 | 92.9% | 73,876 | 89.9% |
| Unknown | 12     | 0.0%  | 23     | 0.0%  | 12     | 0.0%   | 20     | 0.0%  | 6      | 0.0%  |
| Total   | 63,819 |       | 67,094 |       | 74,113 |        | 82,187 |       | 79,268 |       |

Table 6 - Completed Prosecutions by Gender of Defendant

### Table 7 - Gender of Victims

|         | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | - 10  | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|         | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Women   | 18,461 | 37.5% | 33,073 | 55.3% | 49,522 | 69.3% | 62,983    | 73.5% | 60,700    | 73.0% |
| Men     | 3,078  | 6.3%  | 5,841  | 9.8%  | 9,042  | 12.7% | 12,113    | 14.1% | 11,396    | 13.7% |
| Unknown | 27,695 | 56.3% | 20,921 | 35.0% | 12,850 | 18.0% | 10,553    | 12.3% | 11,058    | 13.3% |
| Total   | 49,234 |       | 59,835 |       | 71,414 |       | 85,649    |       | 83,154    |       |

# **RAPE CRIME**

## Table 1 - Pre-Charge Decisions

|                              | 2007  | 7 - 08 | 200   | 8 - 09 | 2009  | 9 - 10 | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|                              | Vol   | %      | Vol   | %      | Vol   | %      | Vol       | %     | Vol       | %     |
| Charged                      | 2,220 | 38.8%  | 2,565 | 38.9%  | 2,798 | 36.4%  | 2,982     | 36.7% | 2,873     | 42.1% |
| Request for further evidence | 55    | 1.0%   | 43    | 0.7%   | 89    | 1.2%   | 65        | 0.8%  | 57        | 0.8%  |
| No prosecution               | 3,025 | 52.9%  | 3,511 | 53.2%  | 4,186 | 54.5%  | 4,361     | 53.6% | 3,305     | 48.4% |
| All other decisions          | 422   | 7.4%   | 478   | 7.2%   | 610   | 7.9%   | 722       | 8.9%  | 587       | 8.6%  |
| Total                        | 5,722 |        | 6,597 |        | 7,683 |        | 8,130     |       | 6,822     |       |

Statutory Charging was fully rolled out on 3 April 2006

## Table 2 - Completed Prosecutions by Outcome

|              | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009 - 10 |       | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|--------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|              | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Convictions  | 2,021  | 57.7% | 2,018  | 57.7% | 2,270     | 59.4% | 2,465     | 58.6% | 2,414     | 62.5% |
| Unsuccessful | 1,482  | 42.3% | 1,477  | 42.3% | 1,549     | 40.6% | 1,743     | 41.4% | 1,450     | 37.5% |
| Total        | 3,503  |       | 3,495  |       | 3,819     |       | 4,208     |       | 3,864     |       |

### **Table 3 - Prosecution Outcomes**

| -   | 2007   | <sup>-</sup> - 08 | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | ) - 10 | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|---|--------|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| -   | Volume | %                 | Volume | %     | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %     |
| Prosecutions Dropped inc.<br>discontinued, no evidence offered<br>& withdrawn | 795    | 22.7%             | 787    | 22.5% | 740    | 19.4%  | 776    | 18.4% | 626    | 16.2% |
| of which - no evidence offered  | 494    | 14.1%             | 474    | 13.6% | 488    | 12.8%  | 549    | 13.0% | 448    | 11.6% |
| Dismissed after full trial  | 5      | 0.1%              | 0      | 0.0%  | 14     | 0.4%   | 9      | 0.2%  | 12     | 0.3%  |
| Judge directed acquittal  | 99     | 2.8%              | 64     | 1.8%  | 62     | 1.6%   | 72     | 1.7%  | 45     | 1.2%  |
| Jury acquittal  | 539    | 15.4%             | 575    | 16.5% | 691    | 18.1%  | 838    | 19.9% | 733    | 19.0% |
| All Other Unsuccessful Outcomes   | 44     | 1.3%              | 51     | 1.5%  | 42     | 1.1%   | 48     | 1.1%  | 34     | 0.9%  |
| Unsuccessful Outcomes   | 1,482  | 42.3%             | 1,477  | 42.3% | 1,549  | 40.6%  | 1,743  | 41.4% | 1,450  | 37.5% |
| Guilty plea   | 1,235  | 35.3%             | 1,230  | 35.2% | 1,409  | 36.9%  | 1,503  | 35.7% | 1,542  | 39.9% |
| Conviction after trial  | 786    | 22.4%             | 788    | 22.5% | 858    | 22.5%  | 961    | 22.8% | 871    | 22.5% |
| Proved in absence   | 0      | 0.0%              | 0      | 0.0%  | 3      | 0.1%   | 1      | 0.0%  | 1      | 0.0%  |
| Convictions   | 2,021  | 57.7%             | 2,018  | 57.7% | 2,270  | 59.4%  | 2,465  | 58.6% | 2,414  | 62.5% |
| Total Prosecutions  | 3,503  |                   | 3,495  |       | 3,819  |        | 4,208  |       | 3,864  |       |

## Table 4 - Key Reasons for Unsuccessful Prosecutions

|  | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | ) - 10 | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|--|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|  | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume | %     |
| Victim Retraction                        | 128    | 8.6%  | 111    | 7.5%  | 114    | 7.4%   | 101    | 5.8%  | 61     | 4.2%  |
| Victim Non-Attendance                    | 9      | 0.6%  | 23     | 1.6%  | 15     | 1.0%   | 14     | 0.8%  | 13     | 0.9%  |
| Evidence of Victim does not support case | 131    | 8.8%  | 124    | 8.4%  | 126    | 8.1%   | 127    | 7.3%  | 97     | 6.7%  |
| Total Victim Issues                      | 268    | 18.1% | 258    | 17.5% | 255    | 16.5%  | 242    | 13.9% | 171    | 11.8% |
| Conflict of Evidence                     | 159    | 10.7% | 164    | 11.1% | 140    | 9.0%   | 186    | 10.7% | 160    | 11.0% |
| Essential Legal Element Missing          | 131    | 8.8%  | 141    | 9.5%  | 136    | 8.8%   | 129    | 7.4%  | 101    | 7.0%  |
| Unreliable Witness                       | 197    | 13.3% | 178    | 12.1% | 162    | 10.5%  | 164    | 9.4%  | 149    | 10.3% |
| Effect on Victim/Witness mental health   | 14     | 0.9%  | 18     | 1.2%  | 22     | 1.4%   | 22     | 1.3%  | 10     | 0.7%  |
| Acquittals                               | 530    | 35.8% | 562    | 38.1% | 693    | 44.7%  | 833    | 47.8% | 738    | 50.9% |
| Total Key Reasons                        | 1,299  | 87.7% | 1,321  | 89.4% | 1,408  | 90.9%  | 1,576  | 90.4% | 1,329  | 91.7% |
| All Other Reasons                        | 146    | 9.9%  | 111    | 7.5%  | 104    | 6.7%   | 125    | 7.2%  | 89     | 6.1%  |
| Administrative finalisations             | 37     | 2.5%  | 45     | 3.0%  | 37     | 2.4%   | 42     | 2.4%  | 32     | 2.2%  |
| Total                                    | 1,482  |       | 1,477  |       | 1,549  |        | 1,743  |       | 1,450  |       |

## Table 5 - Comparison of Key Victim Issues

|   | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | ) - 10 | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|   | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %      | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Total Unsuccessful due to victim issues | 268    | 7.7%  | 258    | 7.4%  | 255    | 6.7%   | 242       | 5.8%  | 171       | 4.4%  |
| Total Unsuccessful                      | 1,482  | 42.3% | 1,477  | 42.3% | 1,549  | 40.6%  | 1,743     | 41.4% | 1,450     | 37.5% |
| Total Convictions                       | 2,021  | 57.7% | 2,018  | 57.7% | 2,270  | 59.4%  | 2,465     | 58.6% | 2,414     | 62.5% |
| Total Prosecutions                      | 3,503  |       | 3,495  |       | 3,819  |        | 4,208     |       | 3,864     |       |

## Table 6 - Completed Prosecutions by Gender of Defendant

|         | 2007   | <sup>'</sup> - 08 | 2008   | 8 - 09 | 2009   | - 10  | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|---------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|         | Volume | %                 | Volume | %      | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Women   | 38     | 1.1%              | 43     | 1.2%   | 43     | 1.1%  | 51        | 1.2%  | 60        | 1.6%  |
| Men     | 3,465  | 98.9%             | 3,451  | 98.7%  | 3,774  | 98.8% | 4,157     | 98.8% | 3,803     | 98.4% |
| Unknown | 0      | 0.0%              | 1      | 0.0%   | 2      | 0.1%  | 0         | 0.0%  | 1         | 0.0%  |
| Total   | 3,503  |                   | 3,495  |        | 3,819  |       | 4,208     |       | 3,864     |       |

### Table 7 - Gender of Victims

|         | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009 - 10 |       | 2010   | - 11  | 2011 - 12 |       |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
|         | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Women   | 1,053  | 34.6% | 1,632  | 42.4% | 2,448     | 57.5% | 3,211  | 63.4% | 3,280     | 66.2% |
| Men     | 161    | 5.3%  | 223    | 5.8%  | 294       | 6.9%  | 420    | 8.3%  | 435       | 8.8%  |
| Unknown | 1,829  | 60.1% | 1,993  | 51.8% | 1,517     | 35.6% | 1,434  | 28.3% | 1,243     | 25.1% |
| Total   | 3,043  |       | 3,848  |       | 4,259     |       | 5,065  |       | 4,958     |       |

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## Table 1 - Completed Prosecutions by Outcome

|              | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | - 10  | 2010   | - 11  | 2011 - 12 |       |
|--------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
|              | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Convictions  | 5,976  | 73.5% | 5,955  | 75.1% | 6,060  | 76.0% | 6,588  | 74.3% | 6,308     | 75.7% |
| Unsuccessful | 2,154  | 26.5% | 1,979  | 24.9% | 1,912  | 24.0% | 2,274  | 25.7% | 2,026     | 24.3% |
| Total        | 8,130  |       | 7,934  |       | 7,972  |       | 8,862  |       | 8,334     |       |

### Table 2 - Prosecution Outcomes

| -   | 2007   | - 08  | 2008   | - 09  | 2009   | - 10  | 2010   | - 11  | 2011   | - 12  |
|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| -   | Volume | %     |
| Prosecutions Dropped inc.<br>discontinued, no evidence offered<br>& withdrawn | 1,140  | 14.0% | 985    | 12.4% | 894    | 11.2% | 1,069  | 12.1% | 975    | 11.7% |
| of which - no evidence offered  | 636    | 7.8%  | 551    | 6.9%  | 489    | 6.1%  | 639    | 7.2%  | 571    | 6.9%  |
| Dismissed after full trial  | 195    | 2.4%  | 148    | 1.9%  | 137    | 1.7%  | 152    | 1.7%  | 130    | 1.6%  |
| Judge directed acquittal  | 70     | 0.9%  | 63     | 0.8%  | 61     | 0.8%  | 75     | 0.8%  | 58     | 0.7%  |
| Jury acquittal  | 631    | 7.8%  | 663    | 8.4%  | 709    | 8.9%  | 853    | 9.6%  | 774    | 9.3%  |
| All Other Unsuccessful Outcomes   | 118    | 1.5%  | 120    | 1.5%  | 111    | 1.4%  | 125    | 1.4%  | 89     | 1.1%  |
| Unsuccessful Outcomes   | 2,154  | 26.5% | 1,979  | 24.9% | 1,912  | 24.0% | 2,274  | 25.7% | 2,026  | 24.3% |
| Guilty plea   | 4,746  | 58.4% | 4,909  | 61.9% | 5,048  | 63.3% | 5,389  | 60.8% | 5,253  | 63.0% |
| Conviction after trial  | 1,210  | 14.9% | 1,036  | 13.1% | 1,007  | 12.6% | 1,192  | 13.5% | 1,038  | 12.5% |
| Proved in absence   | 20     | 0.2%  | 10     | 0.1%  | 5      | 0.1%  | 7      | 0.1%  | 17     | 0.2%  |
| Convictions   | 5,976  | 73.5% | 5,955  | 75.1% | 6,060  | 76.0% | 6,588  | 74.3% | 6,308  | 75.7% |
| Total Prosecutions  | 8,130  |       | 7,934  |       | 7,972  |       | 8,862  |       | 8,334  |       |

## Table 3 - Key Reasons for Unsuccessful Prosecutions

|   | 2007 - 08 |       | 2008 - 09 |               | 2009 - 10 |       | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|---|-----------|-------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|   | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %             | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     | Volume    | %     |
| Victim Retraction                           | 105       | 4.9%  | 109       | 5.5%          | 85        | 4.4%  | 104       | 4.6%  | 89        | 4.4%  |
| Victim Non-Attendance                       | 47        | 2.2%  | 31        | 1.6%          | 26        | 1.4%  | 42        | 1.8%  | 41        | 2.0%  |
| Evidence of Victim does not<br>support case | 117       | 5.4%  | 97        | 4.9%          | 109       | 5.7%  | 101       | 4.4%  | 105       | 5.2%  |
| Total Victim Issues                         | 269       | 12.5% | 237       | 12.0%         | 220       | 11.5% | 247       | 10.9% | 235       | 11.6% |
| Conflict of Evidence                        | 188       | 8.7%  | 175       | 8.8%          | 167       | 8.7%  | 196       | 8.6%  | 182       | 9.0%  |
| Essential Legal Element Missing             | 252       | 11.7% | 214       | 10.8%         | 213       | 11.1% | 260       | 11.4% | 218       | 10.8% |
| Unreliable Witness                          | 156       | 7.2%  | 126       | 6.4%          | 112       | 5.9%  | 136       | 6.0%  | 101       | 5.0%  |
| Effect on Victim/Witness mental health      | 16        | 0.7%  | 23        | 1.2%          | 17        | 0.9%  | 14        | 0.6%  | 16        | 0.8%  |
| Acquittals                                  | 791       | 36.7% | 790       | 39.9%         | 803       | 42.0% | 983       | 43.2% | 901       | 44.5% |
| Total Key Reasons                           | 1,672     | 77.6% | 1,565     | <b>79</b> .1% | 1,532     | 80.1% | 1,836     | 80.7% | 1,653     | 81.6% |
| All Other Reasons                           | 433       | 20.1% | 355       | 17.9%         | 328       | 17.2% | 383       | 16.8% | 321       | 15.8% |
| Administrative finalisations                | 49        | 2.3%  | 59        | 3.0%          | 52        | 2.7%  | 55        | 2.4%  | 52        | 2.6%  |
| Total                                       | 2,154     |       | 1,979     |               | 1,912     |       | 2,274     |       | 2,026     |       |

## Table 4 - Comparison of Key Victim Issues

|   | 2007 - 08 |       | 2008 - 09 |       | 2009 - 10 |       | 2010 - 11 |       | 2011 - 12 |       |
|---|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|   | Volume    | %     |
| Total Unsuccessful due to victim issues | 269       | 3.3%  | 237       | 3.0%  | 220       | 2.8%  | 247       | 2.8%  | 235       | 2.8%  |
| Total Unsuccessful                      | 2,154     | 26.5% | 1,979     | 24.9% | 1,912     | 24.0% | 2,274     | 25.7% | 2,026     | 24.3% |
| Total Convictions                       | 5,976     | 73.5% | 5,955     | 75.1% | 6,060     | 76.0% | 6,588     | 74.3% | 6,308     | 75.7% |
| Total Prosecutions                      | 8,130     |       | 7,934     |       | 7,972     |       | 8,862     |       | 8,334     |       |

|         | 2007   | 2007 - 08 |        | 2008 - 09 |        | 2009 - 11 |        | 2010 - 11 |        | 2011 - 12 |  |
|---------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--|
|         | Volume | %         |  |
| Women   | 368    | 4.5%      | 359    | 4.5%      | 351    | 4.4%      | 266    | 3.0%      | 222    | 2.7%      |  |
| Men     | 7,761  | 95.5%     | 7,571  | 95.4%     | 7,620  | 95.6%     | 8,591  | 96.9%     | 8,109  | 97.3%     |  |
| Unknown | 1      | 0.0%      | 4      | 0.1%      | 1      | 0.0%      | 5      | 0.1%      | 3      | 0.0%      |  |
| Total   | 8,130  |           | 7,934  |           | 7,972  |           | 8,862  |           | 8,334  |           |  |

Table 5 - Completed Prosecutions by Gender of Defendant