## **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CRIME**

Table 1 - Pre-Charge Decisions

	2006 - 07		2007 - 08		2008	3 - 09	2009	9 - 10	2010 - 11	
	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%
Request for further evidence	897	1.2%	565	0.7%	510	0.6%	596	0.6%	572	0.5%
No prosecution	21,699	29.6%	23,113	29.0%	23,977	27.6%	28,460	28.8%	31,493	28.8%
All other decisions	11,713	16.0%	6,774	8.5%	7,550	8.7%	9,757	9.9%	10,321	9.4%
Total	73,229		79,787		87,020		98,867		109,372	

Statutory Charging was fully rolled out on 3 April 2006

Table 2 - Completed Prosecutions by Outcome

	2006	2006 - 07		2007 - 08		3 - 09	2009 - 10		2010 - 11	
	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%
Unsuccessful	24,094	35.0%	23,478	31.1%	22,085	28.1%	24,227	28.2%	27,103	28.5%
Total	68,930		75,452		78,523		85,904		95,257	

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

**Table 3 - Prosecution Outcomes** 

	2008	- 09	2009	- 10	2010	- 11
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Prosecutions Dropped inc. discontinued, no evidence offered & withdrawn	16,197	20.6%	17,735	20.6%	20,165	21.2%
of which - no evidence offered	8,657	11.0%	9,642	11.2%	11,000	11.5%
Dismissed after full trial	2,702	3.4%	3,067	3.6%	3,140	3.3%
Judge directed acquittal	204	0.3%	227	0.3%	249	0.3%
Jury acquittal	1,785	2.3%	2,058	2.4%	2,474	2.6%
All Other Unsuccessful Outcomes	1,197	1.5%	1,140	1.3%	1,075	1.1%
Unsuccessful Outcomes	22,085	28.1%	24,227	28.2%	27,103	28.5%
Guilty plea	49,725	63.3%	54,484	63.4%	60,352	63.4%
Conviction after trial	6,605	8.4%	7,069	8.2%	7,685	8.1%
Proved in absence	108	0.1%	124	0.1%	117	0.1%
Convictions	56,438	71.9%	61,677	71.8%	68,154	71.5%
Total Prosecutions	78,523		85,904		95,257	·

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

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

Table 5 - Key Reasons for Unsuccessful Prosecutions

	2008	- 09	2009	- 10	2010	- 11
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Victim Retraction	3,690	16.7%	4,201	17.3%	4,822	17.8%
Victim Non-Attendance	2,280	10.3%	2,688	11.1%	3,011	11.1%
Evidence of Victim does not support case	3,757	17.0%	3,966	16.4%	4,171	15.4%
Total Victim Issues	9,727	44.0%	10,855	44.8%	12,004	44.3%
Caution	219	1.0%	277	1.1%	345	1.3%
Bindover	900	4.1%	810	3.3%	963	3.6%
Conflict of Evidence	1,172	5.3%	1,255	5.2%	1,447	5.3%
Essential Legal Element Missing	1,806	8.2%	1,927	8.0%	2,104	7.8%
Jnreliable Witness	1,228	5.6%	1,268	5.2%	1,327	4.9%
Effect on Victim/Witness mental nealth	144	0.7%	116	0.5%	153	0.6%
Acquittals	3,943	17.9%	4,627	19.1%	5,271	19.4%
Total Key Reasons	19,139	86.7%	21,135	87.2%	23,614	87.1%
All Other Reasons	2,245	10.2%	2,467	10.2%	2,885	10.6%
Administrative finalisations	701	3.2%	625	2.6%	604	2.2%
Total .	22,085		24,227		27,103	

Table 6 - Comparison of Key Victim Issues

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

Table 7 - Completed Prosecutions by Gender of Defendant

	2006	2006 - 07		· - 08	2008	- 09	2009	- 10	2010 - 11	
	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%
Men	65,580	95.1%	71,263	94.4%	73,827	94.0%	80,413	93.6%	89,071	93.5%
Unknown	11	0.0%	13	0.0%	28	0.0%	15	0.0%	25	0.0%
Total	68,930		75,452		78,523		85,904		95,257	

Table 8 - Gender of Victims

	2006	2006 - 07		2007 - 08		3 - 09	2009	- 10	2010 - 11	
	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%
Men	1,405	5.2%	3,239	6.2%	6,064	9.5%	9,336	12.3%	12,533	13.8%
Unknown	17,682	65.5%	29,524	56.5%	22,914	36.0%	14,367	19.0%	11,987	13.2%
Total	26,979		52,277		63,683		75,673		90,714	

<sup>\*</sup>Data does not include victims of Sexual Offences that exclude rape.

<sup>\*\*</sup>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 - 08		2008	3 - 09	2009	9 - 10	2010 - 11	
	Vol	%	Vol	%	Vol	%	Vol	%
Charged	47,115	63.6%	52,418	65.2%	57,256	62.8%	64,004	63.2%
Request for further evidence	510	0.7%	467	0.6%	507	0.6%	507	0.5%
No prosecution	20,088	27.1%	20,466	25.4%	24,274	26.6%	27,132	26.8%
All other decisions	6,352	8.6%	7,072	8.8%	9,147	10.0%	9,599	9.5%
Total	74,065		80,423		91,184		101,242	

Statutory Charging was fully rolled out on 3 April 2006

Table 2 - Completed Prosecutions by Outcome

	2005	2005 - 06		- 07	2007	- 08	2008	- 09	2009	- 10	2010 - 11	
	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%
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%
Total	49,782		57,361		63,819		67,094		74,113		82,187	

**Table 3 - Prosecution Outcomes** 

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

Table 4 - Key Reasons for Unsuccessful Prosecutions

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

**Table 5 - Comparison of Key Victim Issues** 

	2007 - 08		2007 - 08		2008	2008 - 09		2009 - 10		) - 11
	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%		
Total Unsuccessful	19,842	31.1%	18,629	27.8%	20,766	28.0%	23,086	28.1%		
Total Convictions	43,977	68.9%	48,465	72.2%	53,347	72.0%	59,101	71.9%		
Total Prosecutions	63,819		67,094		74,113		82,187			

**Table 6 - Completed Prosecutions by Gender of Defendant** 

	2007	2007 - 08		s - <b>09</b>	2009	- 10	2010	- 11
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Women	3,770	5.9%	4,266	6.4%	5,082	6.9%	5,844	7.1%
Men	60,037	94.1%	62,805	93.6%	69,019	93.1%	76,323	92.9%
Unknown	12	0.0%	23	0.0%	12	0.0%	20	0.0%
Total	63,819		67,094		74,113		82,187	

Table 7 - Gender of Victims

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

## RAPE CRIME

Table 1 - Pre-Charge Decisions

	2007 - 08		2007 - 08		2008	2008 - 09		2009 - 10		) - 11
	Vol	%	Vol	%	Vol	%	Vol	%		
Charged	2,220	38.8%	2,565	38.9%	2,798	36.4%	2,982	36.7%		
Request for further evidence	55	1.0%	43	0.7%	89	1.2%	65	0.8%		
No prosecution	3,025	52.9%	3,511	53.2%	4,186	54.5%	4,361	53.6%		
All other decisions	422	7.4%	478	7.2%	610	7.9%	722	8.9%		
Total	5,722		6,597		7,683		8,130			

Statutory Charging was fully rolled out on 3 April 2006

**Table 2 - Completed Prosecutions by Outcome** 

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

**Table 3 - Prosecution Outcomes** 

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

Table 4 - Key Reasons for Unsuccessful Prosecutions

	2007	' - 08	2008	3 - 09	2009	- 10	2010	) - 11
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Victim Retraction	128	8.6%	111	7.5%	114	7.4%	101	5.8%
Victim Non-Attendance	9	0.6%	23	1.6%	15	1.0%	14	0.8%
Evidence of Victim does not support case	131	8.8%	124	8.4%	126	8.1%	127	7.3%
Total Victim Issues	268	18.1%	258	17.5%	255	16.5%	242	13.9%
Conflict of Evidence	159	10.7%	164	11.1%	140	9.0%	186	10.7%
Essential Legal Element Missing	131	8.8%	141	9.5%	136	8.8%	129	7.4%
Unreliable Witness	197	13.3%	178	12.1%	162	10.5%	164	9.4%
Effect on Victim/Witness mental health	14	0.9%	18	1.2%	22	1.4%	22	1.3%
Acquittals	530	35.8%	562	38.1%	693	44.7%	833	47.8%
Total Key Reasons	1,299	87.7%	1,321	89.4%	1,408	90.9%	1,576	90.4%
All Other Reasons	146	9.9%	111	7.5%	104	6.7%	125	7.2%
Administrative finalisations	37	2.5%	45	3.0%	37	2.4%	42	2.4%
Total	1,482		1,477		1,549		1,743	

Table 5 - Comparison of Key Victim Issues

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

**Table 6 - Completed Prosecutions by Gender of Defendant** 

	2007	2007 - 08		2007 - 08		2008 - 09		2009 - 10		2010 - 11	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%			
Women	38	1.1%	43	1.2%	43	1.1%	51	1.2%			
Men	3,465	98.9%	3,451	98.7%	3,774	98.8%	4,157	98.8%			
Unknown	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%			
Total	3,503		3,495		3,819		4,208				

Table 7 - Gender of Victims

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

## **SEXUAL OFFENCES CRIME**

**Table 1 - Completed Prosecutions by Outcome** 

	2007	' - 08	2008	- 09	2009 - 10 201		2010	) - 11
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Convictions	5,976	73.5%	5,955	75.1%	6,060	76.0%	6,588	74.3%
Unsuccessful	2,154	26.5%	1,979	24.9%	1,912	24.0%	2,274	25.7%
Total	8,130		7,934		7,972	·	8,862	-

**Table 2 - Prosecution Outcomes** 

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

Table 3 - Key Reasons for Unsuccessful Prosecutions

	2007 - 08		2008 - 09		2009 - 10		2010 - 11	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Victim Retraction	105	4.9%	109	5.5%	85	4.4%	104	4.6%
Victim Non-Attendance	47	2.2%	31	1.6%	26	1.4%	42	1.8%
Evidence of Victim does not support case	117	5.4%	97	4.9%	109	5.7%	101	4.4%
Total Victim Issues	269	12.5%	237	12.0%	220	11.5%	247	10.9%
Conflict of Evidence	188	8.7%	175	8.8%	167	8.7%	196	8.6%
Essential Legal Element Missing	252	11.7%	214	10.8%	213	11.1%	260	11.4%
Unreliable Witness	156	7.2%	126	6.4%	112	5.9%	136	6.0%
Effect on Victim/Witness mental health	16	0.7%	23	1.2%	17	0.9%	14	0.6%
Acquittals	791	36.7%	790	39.9%	803	42.0%	983	43.2%
Total Key Reasons	1,672	77.6%	1,565	79.1%	1,532	80.1%	1,836	80.7%
All Other Reasons	433	20.1%	355	17.9%	328	17.2%	383	16.8%
Administrative finalisations	49	2.3%	59	3.0%	52	2.7%	55	2.4%
Total	2,154		1,979		1,912		2,274	

Table 4 - Comparison of Key Victim Issues

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

**Table 5 - Completed Prosecutions by Gender of Defendant** 

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