

POLICE — FINGERPRINT SAMPLES

**864. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Police:**

- (1) What is the number of fingerprinting undertaken taken by Western Australian Police in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2007–2008;
  - (b) 2008–2009;
  - (c) 2009–2010;
  - (d) 2010–2011;
  - (e) 2011–2012; and
  - (f) 2012–2013?
- (2) For each of those years how many of those samples were taken from charged persons?
- (3) For each of those years how many were taken from victims?
- (4) For each of those years how many were taken from other parties?
- (5) For each of those years, how many fingerprint profiles from charged persons were added to the National fingerprint database?
- (6) For each of those years, how many charged persons who qualified under law to have a fingerprint sample taken did not have a fingerprint sample taken by Western Australian Police?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

- (1) The responses provided to (a) to (f) represent the number of fingerprints entered into the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System database. Between 2007 and 2011, data is only available by calendar year.
  - (a) 2007 — 38,617
  - (b) 2008 — 60,542 — backlog of prints completed during 2008
  - (c) 2009 — 21,416
  - (d) 2010 — 44,914
  - (e) 2011 — 23,622
  - (f)
    - (i) July – December 2012 — 13,751 (January – June 2012 figures not available due to CrimTrac systems error)
    - (ii) January–June 2013 — 14,510 (latest statistics not yet available)
- (2) These statistics are not maintained on the database.
- (3) These statistics are not maintained on the database.
- (4) Between 2007 and 2011, information is only available by calendar year. From 2012, the figures are recorded by financial year.
  - (a) 2007  
Security Applicant Fingerprints 3370  
Police Fingerprints 245
  - (b) 2008  
Security Applicant Fingerprints 2246  
Police Fingerprints 368
  - (c) 2009  
Security Applicant Fingerprints 2985  
Police Fingerprints 397
  - (d) 2010  
Security Applicant Fingerprints 1884  
Police Fingerprints 229
  - (e) 2011  
Security Applicant Fingerprints 3240  
Police Fingerprints 432
  - (f) 2012 – 2013  
Security Applicant Fingerprints 2245

Police Fingerprints 203

- (5) The fingerprints of all charged persons have been added.
- (6) The electronic systems do not include a search facility to capture this data. The task would necessitate a manual extraction and comparison of large amounts of data from multiple systems and consume considerable time and resources. It is therefore not possible for Police to obtain this information without significantly compromising other core policing activities.