

POLICE — CLIMATE CHANGE PROTESTERS

1540. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to charges laid against climate and environmental protestors in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister please table a breakdown of charges laid against people arrested in relation to the Roe 8 protests in 2017;
- (b) will the Minister please table a breakdown of charges laid against people arrested in relation to the Extinction Rebellion “Flood the City” protest against climate change in October 2019;
- (c) will the Minister please table a breakdown of charges laid against people arrested in relation to the Extinction Rebellion action on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 where a footbridge in the CBD was spray chalked; and
- (d) will the Minister please table a breakdown of charges laid against people arrested in relation to any action taken by members of Disrupt Burrup Hub to date?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

The Western Australia Police Force advise:

- (a) 213 people were arrested in relation to the Roe 8 protests and charged with the following 312 offences:

Charges	Offence
10	Fail to Obey Order Given by an Officer – s153 Criminal Investigation Act 2006
89	Obstruct – s172 Criminal Code 1913
151	Trespass – s70A Criminal Code 1913
2	Refuse to Provide Personal Details – s16(6) Criminal Investigation ( <i>Identifying People</i> ) Act 2002
3	Give False Personal Details – s16(8) Criminal Investigation ( <i>Identifying People</i> ) Act 2002
2	Unlawful Damage – s445 Criminal Code 1913
8	Criminal Damage – s444 Criminal Code 1913
2	Escape Lawful Custody – s146 Criminal Code 1913
7	Breach of Bail (non-protective bail) – s51 Bail Act 1982
1	Breach of Protective Bail Conditions – s51(2a) Bail Act 1982
3	Disorderly Behaviour – s74A Criminal Code 1913
2	Assault (Common) – s313(1)(b) Criminal Code 1913
1	Assault in Circumstances of Aggravation or Racial Aggravation – s313(1)(a) Criminal Code 1913
1	Assault Public Officer – s318 Criminal Code 1913
4	Breach Move On Order – s153 Criminal Investigation Act 2006
1	Excess 0.08 – s64 Road Traffic Act 1974
1	Fraud – s409 Criminal Code 1913
1	Stealing – s378 Criminal Code 1913
2	Breach Violence Restraining Order – s61 Restraining Orders Act 1997
2	NATD (fines suspended) – s49(1)(a) Road Traffic Act 1974
1	Possess Stolen/Unlawfully Obtained Property – s417 Criminal Code 1913
1	Fail to Stop Vehicle – s39 Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008
2	Used an unlicensed vehicle on a road – s4(2) Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012
1	False Plates – S36 Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008
14	Arrest Warrants – s51 Bail Act 1982

- (b) 65 people were arrested in relation to the “Flood the City” protests on 11 September 2019 and charged with the following 76 offences:

Charges	Offence
56	Disorderly Behaviour – s74A Criminal Code 1913
14	Obstructing public officers – s172(2) Criminal Code 1913
1	Fail to provide personal details – s16(6) Criminal Investigation (Identifying People) Act 2002
5	Unreasonably Obstruct or Prevent the Free Passage on a Path or Carriageway – s201(1) Road Traffic Code 2000

- (c) 6 people were arrested in relation to the “Central Business District footbridge incident” on 5 August 2021 and charged with the following 6 offences:

Charges	Offence
5	One count of – Damaged property by graffiti s 5(1) Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016
1	Two counts of – Damaged property by graffiti s 5(1) Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016

- (d) 21 people have been arrested and charges preferred by State Security Investigation Group to date. There have been other charges preferred by other Portfolios Metropolitan/Regional Western Australia, which have not been included in this response. The 21 people arrested have been charged with the following 21 offences:

Date of Incident	Persons Charged	Offence/s
5 August 2021 Graffiti Mount Street, Perth	5	One count of – Damaged property by graffiti s. 5 (1) Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016
5 August 2021 Graffiti Mount Street, Perth	1	Two counts of – Damaged property by graffiti s. 5 (1) Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016
19 January 2023 Damage Art Gallery, Perth	1	One count of – Criminal damage s. 444(1)(b) Criminal Code 1913 One count of – Fail to comply with data access order s. 61(2) Criminal Investigation Act 2006
28 April 2023 Woodside AGM Perth Convention Centre, Perth	2	One count of – Aggravated burglary with intent s. 401(1) (ba) Criminal Code 1913
28 April 2023 Woodside AGM Perth Convention Centre, Perth	1	One count of – Fail to comply with data access order s. 61(2) Criminal Investigation Act 2006
20 May 2023 Trespass Optus Oval, Burswood	1	One count of – Trespass s. 70 A Criminal Code 1913
1 June 2023 Protest Woodside HQ, Perth	3	One count of – Act creating false apprehension as to the existence of danger s. 338C (2) Criminal Code 1913 Seven counts of – Act causing bodily harm or danger s. 304(1)(a) Criminal Code 1913
1 June 2023 Woodside HQ, Perth	3	One count of – Fail to comply with data access order s. 61 (2) Criminal Investigation Act 2006
1 August 2023 Woodside CEO residence, City Beach	4	One count of – Conspiracy to commit and indictable offence s. 558 (1)(a) Criminal Code 1913