WRITTEN QUESTION TO H.M. ATTORNEY GENERAL BY DEPUTY R.J WARD OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2023 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th JANUARY 2023

Question

"Given that the Crown Prosecution Service (C.P.S.) in England and Wales provides access to statistics on prosecutions, conviction rates, appeals and victims' right to review, will H.M. Attorney General provide these statistics for sexual offences in Jersey, and advise how many special measure applications have been submitted and declined since the introduction of the Criminal Procedure (Jersey) Law 2018?"

Answer

Statistics on prosecutions, conviction rates, appeals and victims' right to review (VRR) in relation to sexual offences in Jersey are set out below for the years 2019 to 2022.

In these statistics "sexual offences" include any sexual offence in the Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 2018 as well as indecent image offences in the Protection of Children (Jersey) Law 1994.

The figures report the number of individual defendants who have been prosecuted or convicted etc. They do not report individual offences. An individual defendant may face more than one offence. Figures on the number of offences may therefore be higher than the number of individual defendants.

With regard to special measures, applications were made in all cases where the eligibility criteria was satisfied. No applications were declined. Where a defendant pleads guilty there would not be an application.

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2022		
Total Number of Sexual Offences		28
Prosecutions	Magistrates Court	9
	Royal Court	19
Convictions	Magistrates Court	4
	Royal Court	4
Acquitted	Magistrates Court	0
	Royal Court	1
Discontinued	Magistrates Court	1
	Royal Court	1
Ongoing	Magistrates Court	4
	Royal Court	13
Appeals	Magistrates Court	2
	Royal Court	1
Total Number of VRR's		2

2021		
Total Number of Sexual Offences		14
Prosecutions	Magistrates Court	6
	Royal Court	8
Convictions	Magistrates Court	4
	Royal Court	5
Acquitted	Magistrates Court	0
	Royal Court	1
Discontinued	Magistrates Court	2
	Royal Court	2
Ongoing	Magistrates Court	n/a
	Royal Court	n/a
Appeals	Magistrates Court	0
	Royal Court	1
Total Number of VRR's		5

2020		
Total Number of Sexual Offences		18
Prosecutions	Magistrates Court	6
	Royal Court	12
Convictions	Magistrates Court	5
	Royal Court	8
Acquitted	Magistrates Court	0
	Royal Court	1
Discontinued	Magistrates Court	1
	Royal Court	3
Ongoing	Magistrates Court	n/a
	Royal Court	n/a
Appeals	Magistrates Court	0
	Royal Court	2
Total Number of VRR's		2

2019		
Total Number of Sexual Offences		17
Prosecutions	Magistrates Court	8
	Royal Court	9
Convictions	Magistrates Court	6
	Royal Court	8
Acquitted	Magistrates Court	0
	Royal Court	1
Discontinued	Magistrates Court	2
	Royal Court	0
Ongoing	Magistrates Court	n/a
	Royal Court	n/a
Appeals	Magistrates Court	1
	Royal Court	2
Total Number of VRR's		n/a