



VICTORIA POLICE

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Ms Sarah Connolly  
Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC)  
Parliament House  
Spring Street  
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Dear Ms Connolly,

### **REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL CORRECTION**

I refer you to the Police portfolio hearing conducted on Thursday 21 May 2026 as part of the PAEC Inquiry into the 2026-27 Budget Estimates.

During the hearing, several questions were asked regarding the availability of Victoria Police operational data. Subsequent review identified additional information relevant to evidence provided during discussion relating to mental health related hospital attendance activity.

I considered it appropriate to clarify the record regarding the availability of this information.

### **Clarification regarding Mental Health Data**

Subsequent to the hearing, I became aware that Victoria Police does capture some relevant information through the Mental Health Transfers form (L42).

While Victoria Police does not maintain a dedicated system capable of comprehensively recording or validating all time spent by police members attending hospitals in support of mental health related incidents, some related operational data is captured through fields on the L42 form.

Victoria Police can therefore provide the following information in relation to mental health transfers:

- In 2024-25, Victoria Police recorded 9,922 mental health transfer events, equivalent to police attending a mental health transfer approximately every 53 minutes.
- As at 31 December 2025, a further 4,348 mental health transfer events had been recorded during the 2025-26 financial year to date.
- The total time police are involved in mental health transfer events is recorded in 30-minute intervals. In 2024-25, the most commonly recorded interval was two (2) hours, representing 23.2 per cent of all recorded events. This remains consistent with the 2025-26 (as at 31 December 2025) data.
- Victoria Police does not separately record time intervals beyond 6.5 hours. Events exceeding this duration are categorised as "more than 6.5 hours". In 2024-25, 1.4 per cent of recorded mental health transfer events fell within this category. This remains consistent with the 2025-26 (as at 31 December 2025) data.

*Please note, data is derived from operational members in the field and data collection challenges may mean the data does not reconcile with total mental health-transfer event figures.*

Victoria Police remain committed to working collaboratively with our partners to support the community while maintaining police presence to respond to criminal matters and broader community safety demands.

Yours sincerely,



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