



**SENTENCE ADMINISTRATION BOARD OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

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Dear Ms Lambert

Re: Follow up to your letter dated 21/12/2021 to be updated about 2021-2022 sitting days for the Sentence Administration Board and projections for 2022-2023

I would like to thank the Tribunal for its careful consideration of the Board's submissions in 2021. I am writing to update the Tribunal about certain matters as requested in your letter dated 21/12/2021. Please find a table below setting out the sitting days of the Board from 2019-2020 to 2021-2022. The projected number of sitting days for 2021-2022 was 106 days and the Board sat on 105 days, as the table below shows.

Sitting Days by the Sentence Administration Board: 2019-2020 to 2021-2022

	2019 – 2020	2020 – 2021	2021 -2022
Offender hearing days	63	81	94
Victim hearing days	0	4	7
Full SAB meeting days	4	2	4
Total days	67	87	105

The increase in sitting days is due to an increase in hearings for parole applications (206 compared to 187), an increase in management hearings for offenders subject to a community corrections order and who have complex needs and/or who pose a special risk to the community (149 compared to 100), and an increase in hearings for victims (7 compared to 4). Also, the increase reflects the Board working in a problem-solving and therapeutic manner to achieve less recidivism and better completion of community corrections orders, which often requires adjournments of hearings. The Board conducted 4 meetings with Board members and Secretariat staff to undertake critical training and policy development. Breach matters decreased contrary to a long-standing trend in prior years; this is likely due to COVID-related factors including the lock-down period when supervision of community corrections offenders was required to be remote and therefore was limited in some respects.

The Board's projected number of sitting days for 2022-2023 is the same as for 2021-2022, being 106 sitting days. This projection is conservative - COVID-factors are now diminishing

and therefore breach matters are expected to increase significantly in line with the earlier trend.

The judicial members, particularly the Chair of the Board, continue to work additional days to the sitting days set out above in order to do essential out-of-session statutory work e.g., issue warrants and case-manage complex matters, and also to do essential management and administration work e.g., meet reporting requirements, develop policies and inter-agency protocols, and implement changes to the law.

If I can assist further at this time, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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