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2026/391 - Breaches of Protective Orders

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am requesting data regarding reported breaches of protective orders related to domestic abuse and harassment. Please could you provide the following information for the last three complete calendar years (2023, 2024, and 2025), broken down by each individual year:

1. Total Reported Breaches The total number of reported crimes/incidents recorded for the breach of:

- a) Restraining Orders
- b) Non-Molestation Orders
- c) Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs)
- d) Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs)

2. Outcomes of Breaches For each of the four categories above, please provide a breakdown of the outcomes for those recorded breaches, specifically:

- a) The number of breaches that resulted in an arrest.
- b) The number of breaches that resulted in a charge/summons (Home Office Outcome Code 1).
- c) The number of breaches that were closed with "No Further Action" (specifically, Home Office Outcome Codes 14, 15, and 16 relating to evidential difficulties).

Offences	2023	2024	2025
Breach a Domestic Violence Protection Order	49	25	50
Breach of a domestic violence protection order	2	1	3

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Breach of a restraining order	121	144	110
Breach of a Restraining Order issued on acquittal. Protection from Harassment Act 1997 SS 5A(2) & 5(5) 6	3	1	9
Breach of a restraining order issued on conviction. Sentencing Act 2020 Sec 363 (1) & (2)	0	1	51
Breach of Domestic Abuse Protection Order	0	0	56
Breach of non-molestation order. Family Law Act 1996 Sec 42A (as inserted by Section 1 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004)	94	77	107
Harassment - Breach of a restraining order on conviction - Sentencing Act 2020	87	70	46

Offences + Arrest ID	2023	2024	2025
Breach a Domestic Violence Protection Order	28	16	21
Breach of a domestic violence protection order	1	1	1
Breach of a restraining order	59	77	48
Breach of a Restraining Order issued on acquittal. Protection from Harassment Act 1997 SS 5A(2) & 5(5) 6	1	1	8
Breach of a restraining order issued on	0	1	31

conviction. Sentencing Act 2020 Sec 363 (1) & (2)			
Breach of Domestic Abuse Protection Order	0	0	43
Breach of non-molestation order. Family Law Act 1996 Sec 42A (as inserted by Section 1 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004)	32	29	37
Harassment - Breach of a restraining order on conviction - Sentencing Act 2020	50	54	35

Offences + OC1	2023	2024	2025
Breach a Domestic Violence Protection Order	13	10	12
Breach of a domestic violence protection order	0	0	1
Breach of a restraining order	63	73	45
Breach of a Restraining Order issued on acquittal. Protection from Harassment Act 1997 SS 5A(2) & 5(5) 6	2	1	5
Breach of a restraining order issued on conviction. Sentencing Act 2020 Sec 363 (1) & (2)	0	1	34
Breach of Domestic Abuse Protection Order	0	0	40
Breach of non-molestation order. Family Law Act 1996 Sec 42A (as	42	23	28

inserted by Section 1 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004)			
Harassment - Breach of a restraining order on conviction - Sentencing Act 2020	67	58	41

Offences + OC14-16	2023	2024	2025
Breach a Domestic Violence Protection Order	0	1	0
Breach of a restraining order	39	55	46
Breach of a Restraining Order issued on acquittal. Protection from Harassment Act 1997 SS 5A(2) & 5(5) 6	1	0	2
Breach of a restraining order issued on conviction. Sentencing Act 2020 Sec 363 (1) & (2)	0	0	10
Breach of Domestic Abuse Protection Order	0	0	15
Breach of non-molestation order. Family Law Act 1996 Sec 42A (as inserted by Section 1 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004)	38	44	59
Harassment - Breach of a restraining order on conviction - Sentencing Act 2020	17	10	4

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