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Mr John Robertson  
Chair  
Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council  
GPO Box 2360  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr Robertson

Thank you for your letter of 6 December 2019 about the Terms of Reference referred to the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council concerning penalties for assaults on police and other frontline emergency service workers, corrective service officers and other public officers.

The Department of Housing and Public Works records assaults on departmental officers in the department's Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) incident and hazard reporting system.

Attached is a list of physical and verbal assaults on departmental officers since 2009, the names of the individuals involved are recorded and have been extracted from the SHE reporting system for your information.

Also attached is the department SHE guidelines that outline the process within the department for reporting incidents, injuries, hazards and its consequent investigation.

The data outlines the division within the department where the assault occurred and details whether the victim was a tradesperson, administration officer or housing officer, or whether the officer was from State Government Security but performing security services for the department.

The department has no accepted workers' compensation claims or employee complaints directly relating to workplace assaults of officers of the department for the period 2009 onwards.

The department has not written any research reports or briefing papers on the issue of workplace assaults nor does the department hold any research reports or briefing papers on assaults against public officers of the department.

I hope the information answers your enquiry. If you need any more information or help with this matter, Mr Brian Kelleher, Acting General Counsel, Legal Services of the Department of Housing and Public Works can be contacted on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Liza Carroll  
**Director-General**

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