

RTI RESPONSE

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Date Range: 21 August 2012 to 1 January 2015

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Request:

1. Since 21 August 2012 to 1 January 2015, the a.) total number of offender levies collected and b.) the total dollar face value of levies from these cases.
2. A breakdown of the above amount by each Queensland court separately of a.) the number of offender levies by face value and b.) the total face value amount.
3. A breakdown of the above amount by each major category of crime, if collected. That is a.) the number of offender levies by face value and b.) the total face value amount.

Response

1. *Since 21 August 2012 to 1 January 2015, the a.) total number of offender levies collected and b.) the total dollar face value of levies from these cases.*

Please find attached a spreadsheet presenting the required data from the inception of the offender levy to 31 January 2015.

2. *A breakdown of the above amount by each Queensland court separately of a.) the number of offender levies by face value and b.) the total face value amount.*

SPER is unable to provide data that represents what courthouses imposed the levies, however the attached spreadsheet identifies the level of court (Magistrates, District, Supreme).

3. *A breakdown of the above amount by each major category of crime, if collected. That is a.) the number of offender levies by face value and b.) the total face value amount.*

This data is not captured and cannot be provided because a single offender levy can be linked to a number of charges.

Further Information

Section 8A of the *Penalties and Sentences Regulation 2005* prescribes the value of the offender levy and the values have changed since its inception.

Effective Date	Magistrates	District/Supreme
21 August 2012	\$100.00	\$300.00
1 July 2013	\$103.50	\$310.50
1 July 2014	\$107.10	\$321.40

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Offender Levies from Inception to 31 Jan 2015				
Court Type	Number of Debts Registered	Total amount Registered	Number of Debts Finalised	Total Amount Paid
District Court	6,994	2,162,934.50	3010	1,042,441.71
Magistrates Court	361,274	37,274,990.80	234234	24,799,364.26
Supreme Court	1,152	356,703.80	492	168,573.99
Total	369,420	39,794,629.10	237,736	26,010,379.96
		Finalisation Rate:	64%	

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