



Tasmania Police

Professional Standards complaints and outcomes

relating to

**Commission of Inquiry into
the Tasmanian Government's
Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
in Institutional Settings**

Introduction

Information provided by the former Commissioner of Police to the *Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings* referred to 22 complaints / information received in relation to allegations relating to child sexual abuse (since 2000) about Tasmania Police officers.

Read the statement in full: [Statement of Darren Hine, Commissioner, Tasmania Police, 14 June 2022 \(PDF, 20.8 MB\)](#)

This report provides further detail on the complaints and the outcomes of these matters.

Key to terms and abbreviations

Term	Definition
DPP No Referral - No PFC	<p>The matter was not referred to the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions as there was no prima facie case eg insufficient evidence, the evidence reveals that the complaint was false, or the victim chooses not to pursue the matter further.</p> <p>The Deputy Commissioner of Police has oversight and review of all Level 3 Complaints. A decision not to refer a matter to the DPP must be approved by the Deputy Commissioner.</p>
DPP Opinion - No Pros	<p>The matter was referred to the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions which recommended no prosecution of the officer, having regard to available evidence, public interest and the likelihood of a conviction.</p>
DPP Opinion - Pros Guilt	<p>The matter was referred to the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions which recommended prosecution, and subsequent verdict of guilty.</p>

There were 22 complaints / information received relating to allegations of child sexual abuse in the relevant period (1 January 2000 to 27 May 2022). Findings from the investigations into these matters are detailed in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1

#	Date of complaint (date of alleged offence)	Allegation	Employment status at time of alleged offence	Current serving officer	Outcome & Action
1	1998 (1998)	Sexual intercourse with a young person	serving	no	DPP No Referral - No PFC Not sustained. No evidence to substantiate complaint.
2	1999 (1998/99)	Sexual intercourse with a young person Aggravated sexual assault Indecent assault	serving	no	DPP Opinion - Pros Guilt
3	2002 (2002)	Sexual intercourse with a young person	serving	yes	DPP No Referral - No PFC Not sustained. No evidence to substantiate complaint.
4	2005 (2005)	Access / possess child exploitation material	serving	no	DPP Opinion - Pros Guilt
5	2005 (unspecified dates)	Indecent assault	serving	no	DPP No Referral - No PFC Not sustained. No evidence to substantiate complaint.
6	2006 (2005)	Sexual intercourse with a young person	serving	no	DPP Opinion - No Pros
7	2008 (1994)	Sexual intercourse with a young person	serving	yes	DPP Opinion - No Pros
8	2008 (1970s)	Indecent assault	pre-joining	no	DPP Opinion - No Pros
9	2010 (1970s)	Rape Indecent assault	pre-joining	no	DPP No Referral - No PFC Not sustained. No evidence to substantiate complaint.
10	2011 (2010)	Indecent assault	serving	no	DPP Opinion - Pros Guilt

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11	2011 (2010)	Sexual intercourse with a young person	serving	yes	DPP No Referral - No PFC Not sustained. No evidence to substantiate complaint.
12	2012 (1996)	Rape	pre-joining	yes	DPP Opinion - No Pros
13	2015 (2015)	Possess child exploitation material	serving	no	DPP Opinion - Pros Guilt
14	2016 (2000)	Sexual intercourse with a young person	pre-joining	yes	Dismissed - officer misidentified.
15	2017 (2016)	Sexual intercourse with a young person	pre-joining	no	DPP Opinion - Pros (discontinued)
16	2018 (1990s)	Maintain sexual relationship with young person	pre-joining	no	DPP Opinion - Pros (discharged matter before trial)
17	2018 (1970s)	Indecent assault	pre-joining	no	DPP Opinion - No Pros
18	2018 (2018)	Using a carriage service to send indecent material	serving	no	DPP No Referral - Unable to be Pros - officer deceased (2018)
19	2019 (1970s)	Assault with indecent intent	serving	no	DPP Opinion - No Pros
20	2020 (2020)	Rape	serving	yes	DPP Opinion - No Pros
21	2021 (2021)	Produce child exploitation material	serving	yes	DPP No Referral - No PFC Not sustained. No evidence to substantiate complaint.
22	2021 (2011)	Sexual intercourse with a young person	pre-joining	yes	DPP Opinion - No Pros