

Sexual Abuse Trials - Backlog

Ms FINLAY question to ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Following the distressing article published in The Examiner last week about a young complainant having to wait more than five years for an alleged sexual abuser to go to trial, a local constituent has asked me: In anyone's world, how is this okay?

What plans do you and your government have to address this backlog? What is the exact number of people waiting for trial in the Supreme Court as of 30 June 2024? It is not just about alleged offenders. It is also about the devastating impacts on victims. Can you say how many people are on the Supreme Court waiting list, broken down by how long they have been on the list and how many are on parole? This is not good enough, and my constituent and our community deserve to know how bad this is.