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**QoN Number:** CV19-360

**Subject:** Apprehended during the pandemic

**Asked by:** Stirling Griff

**Question:**

How many online sexual predators have been apprehended during the pandemic to date?

**Answer:**

From 9 March to 28 September 2020, the AFP has arrested or summonsed 130 individuals, and laid a total of 1101 charges relating to online child sexual exploitation.

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**QoN Number: CV19-361**

**Subject: online grooming attempts**

**Asked by:** Stirling Griff

**Question:**

What is the number of online grooming attempts recorded for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August and September 2020?

**Answer:**

As previously stated in CV19-85, reports referencing online grooming could be included in both incoming reports from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), as well as from Member of the Public (MOP) reporting. The AFP is unable to provide statistics in relation to online grooming attempts as incoming reports are not broken down that specifically.

The total number of MOP reports made include, but is not limited to, reports of online grooming. The total number of MOP reports between 01 February and 30 September 2020 is 688.

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**QoN Number:** CV19-362

**Subject:** Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation

**Asked by:** Stirling Griff

**Question:**

How many reports from the community have been received by the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation's (ACCCE) triage unit during the pandemic?

**Answer:**

Member of the Public (MoP) Reports, received by via the AFP website's online reporting portal and public hotline, and via referral from international law enforcement partners including the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), have steadily increased in the period between January 2019 and September 2020.

The total number of MoP reports between 01 February and 30 September 2020 is 688.

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**QoN Number:** CV19-363

**Subject:** Warrants Issued

**Asked by:** Stirling Griff

**Question:**

How many warrants have been issued to search the home of alleged online sexual predators during the pandemic to date?

**Answer:**

From 9 March to 29 September 2020, 163 premise warrants have been issued in relation online child sexual exploitation.

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**QoN Number:** CV19-364

**Subject:** Files seized during pandemic

**Asked by:** Stirling Griff

**Question:**

How many images, files, videos of child exploitation material have been sized during the pandemic compared with the same time last year?

**Answer:**

The AFP is unable to provide specific statistics in relation to the above request, but can advise that the amount of shared child abuse material, which includes images, file and videos on the dark web, during the COVID-19 pandemic has increased significantly compared to the same period last year.