

Schedule

Table 1

Number of Convictions for defendants under s134.2(1)											
Referring Agency	Calendar Year										Grand Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Other	34	38	35	42	79	37	44	49	63	88	507
Services Australia - Centrelink	28	43	34	52	58	66	76	72	48	58	534
Grand Total	62	81	69	94	137	103	120	121	111	146	1041

- The table shows the total number of convictions for defendants convicted of at least one 134.2(1) offence between 1/1/15 and 31/12/24. The total number of convictions are displayed separately for Services Australia (Centrelink) and combined for all other agencies.
- The convictions in the table include where the defendant was convicted of obtaining a financial advantage by deception against section 134.2(1) of the Criminal Code as well as those involving an extension of criminal responsibility (e.g., attempt, conspiracy etc) to obtain a financial advantage by deception against section 134.2(1) of the Criminal Code.
- If a defendant is convicted of multiple 134.2(1) charges on the same date, it will still be counted as one conviction. A defendant will only have more than one conviction if there are proven outcomes in more than one summary, trial or sentence phase (e.g. multiple prosecutions, split trial, etc)
- If a conviction was quashed on appeal, it has been excluded from the data

Tables 2 & 3

Table 2

Average imprisonment penalty			
Calendar Year	Min Hours	Max Hours	
2020	3863.6	14926.8	
2021	3790.1	17776.6	
2022	3528.7	15143.7	
2023	5837.1	19677.5	
2024	5396.1	16991.2	
Average (Hours)	4483.0	16874.5	

Table 3

Calendar Year	Min Months	Max Months
2020	5.4	20.7
2021	5.3	24.7
2022	4.9	21.0
2023	8.1	27.3
2024	7.5	23.6
Average (Months)	6.2	23.4

- The number of prison sentences involve the number of matters where a defendant has been sentenced to a period of imprisonment on at least one 134.2(1) charge, regardless of whether or not there was a period of imprisonment to serve.

- The average prison sentence involves (separately) tabulating the maximum period to serve and minimum period to serve and dividing this figure by the number of defendants sentenced to imprisonment.
- Table 2 displays the average minimum and maximum sentence in hours broken down by calendar year.
- Table 3 displays the average minimum and maximum sentence in months broken down by calendar year. E.g. an average of 20.7 months equals an average sentence of 1 year, 8 months and 21 days.
- Table 2 and 3 captures data from 1/1/20 to 31/12/24 as a result of the complexities associated with capturing sentencing data using the prior case management system. It further ensures that the data can be captured consistently.
- Please note that the prison sentences can include non 134.2(1) offences, as long as there is at least one 134.2(1) offence subject to a term of imprisonment. This is because it is difficult/not always possible to break down a total effective sentence or an aggregate sentence. Furthermore, it is not possible to determine the minimum period for 134.2(1) charges when there are a mix of charges because defendants are mostly sentenced to a single non parole/release period.
- If a defendant is sentenced to a straight sentence of imprisonment (e.g. 3 months to serve), the period of 3 months is counted in both the maximum and the minimum sentence.