

1) AFP Child Protection Operations figures - Commonwealth

Definition:

s.272.15 of the Criminal Code -
activity outside Australia

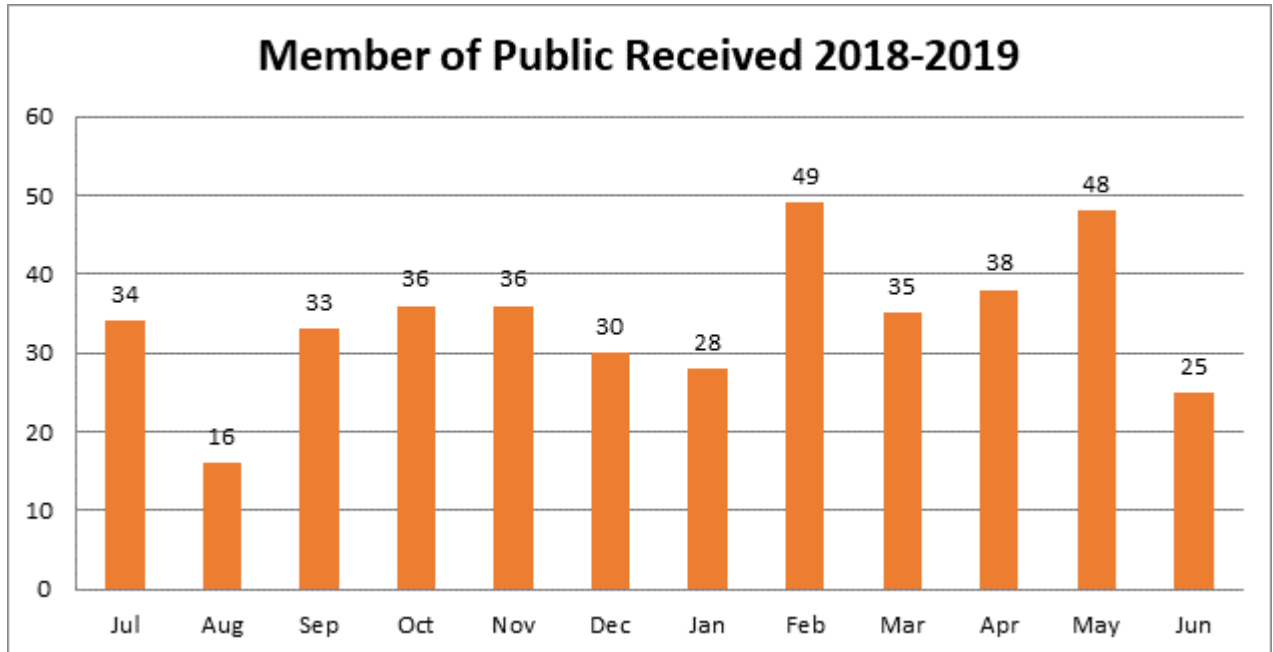
Grooming child to engage in sexual

s.474.71 and s.474.71(1) of Criminal Code -
under 16 years of age

Use carriage service to groom persons

Section	2018-2019		2019-2020		1 March 2020 – 31 August 2020	
	Arrests	Charges	Arrests	Charges	Arrests	Charges
s.272.15			2	2	1	1
s.474.71	1	1	6	6	1	1

2) Member of the Public Reports (from the ACCCE Child Protection Triage Unit or CPTU)



Financial Year	Received
2015-2016	333
2016-2017	478
2017-2018	536
2018-2019	408
2019-2020	647

Total Received	2402
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The majority of member of the public reports the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) received are regarding grooming, noting that these reports do also include reports relating to child abuse material being found/seen on various websites and platforms.

In April, May and June 2020, reports to the ACCCE from members of the public increased by 122% compared to the same period last year.

3) Online Child Safety messaging with a relevance to grooming

The following links provide some additional resources detailing varying stats and trend information, noting these are not specific to age groups. These resources contain general information about online child sexual exploitation, including online grooming. For help and support visit: <https://www.accce.gov.au/support>

Commissioner Press Club address July 2020: <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/national-speeches/national-press-club-address-22-july-2020>

Commissioner address February 2020: <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/national-speeches/countering-child-sexual-exploitation-and-abuse-national-press-club>

World Congress Speech 2017: <https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/national-speeches/world-congress-speech-global-realities-child-exploitation>

ThinkUKnow fact sheet online grooming:
<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources/factsheets/online-grooming> (for parents/carers)

ThinkUKnow at home learning about online grooming:
https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/sites/default/files/2020-04/Learning%20About%20Safer%20Online%20Interactions_0.pdf (for parents/carers)

Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation research:
<https://www.accce.gov.au/research>

Australian Institute of Criminology research (general) <https://www.aic.gov.au/>