GENERAL OFFENCE DESCRIPTIONS

HOMICIDE AND RELATED OFFENCES

Murder
Murder is the unlawful killing of a person.

Other Homicide & related offences
Other homicide and related offences includes the offences of attempted murder, manslaughter and dangerous driving causing death.

ACTS INTENDED TO CAUSE INJURY

Serious Assault Resulting in Injury
A serious assault which results in injury.

Serious Assault Not Resulting in Injury
A serious assault not resulting in injury, for example pointing a firearm at another person or using a weapon in an assault which results in no injury. Serious assaults can be aggravated based on the circumstances surrounding the offence, for example two or more people committing an assault, a weapon being used, or an assault against a spouse or child.

Common Assault
An assault with no aggravating factors or serious injury.

Assault Police
Assault (including aggravated assault) committed against a police officer acting in the execution of their duty.

Other Acts Intended To Cause Injury
Other acts intended to cause injury includes the offences of stalking, administering illicit drugs or poison and food or drink spiking.

ROBBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES

Aggravated Robbery
Aggravated robbery is a robbery involving the possession/use of a weapon; or the infliction of injury or violence on the person; or robbery committed by two or more people.

Non-Aggravated Robbery
Non-aggravated robbery is robbery that does not involve aggravated circumstances.

Blackmail and Extortion
Blackmail/extortion is the unlawful demanding of money, property or any other benefit by the use of coercive measures.
OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON

Threatening Behaviour
Threatening behaviour is threats to punish or injure a person or property either orally or in writing, for example threats to cause harm.

Dangerous or Negligent Acts
Dangerous or negligent acts are acts that actually or potentially result in injury, for example criminal neglect of children, discharge of firearms or throwing missiles, ill-treatment of persons under care.

Abduction, Harassment and Other Offences
Abduction, harassment and other offences includes offences such as kidnapping, false imprisonment and harassing communications.

SERIOUS CRIMINAL TRESPASS

Serious Criminal Trespass (Residence)
Entry or attempted entry into a residence without consent and with intent to commit an offence, such as to steal property.

Serious Criminal Trespass (Non Residence)
Entry or attempted entry into a non-residence, for example an office, bank, shop, factory, church or school, without consent and with intent to commit an offence, such as to steal property.

THEFT AND RELATED OFFENCES

Theft/Illegal Use Of Motor Vehicle
Unlawfully using a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or the person in charge. (N.B. Attempts to steal a motor vehicle, damaging or interfering with a motor vehicle are recorded under Property Damage and Environmental crime).

Theft from Motor Vehicle
Unlawful taking of items from another person’s motor vehicle.

Theft from Shop
Theft of goods for sale (shoplifting), but also includes theft from licensed premises, pharmacies, post offices and service stations (excluding fuel).

Receive Or Handle Proceeds Of Crime
Includes receiving, handling or processing money or goods taken or obtained illegally, for example unlawful possession, dishonestly receiving property without the owner’s consent and money laundering.

Other Theft
Includes theft of household good, bicycles, electricity, gas or water, petrol drive-offs.

FRAUD, DECEPTION & RELATED OFFENCES

Obtain Benefit by Deception
Obtain benefit by deception includes offences such as fraud offences, identity fraud, pass valueless cheque and credit card scams.

Other Fraud, Deception and Related Offences
This includes offences such as forgery, counterfeiting, embezzlement, misappropriation or stealing by a public servant or a person in a position of trust.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE & ENVIRONMENTAL**

*Property Damage by Fire or Explosion*
Wilful and unlawful destruction or damage to property by fire (including bushfires) or explosion. Property includes a building, vessel, bushland and motor vehicle.

*Graffiti*
Property damage caused by substances, for example paint, texta, posters, plastic, metal compounds.

*Other Property Damage and Environmental*
Damage other than by fire, explosion or graffiti with the intent to destroy or damage property, for example property damage (vandalism) and illegal interference of a motor vehicle.