



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

### Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

#### ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Asked by Mr James Milligan MLA on 23 November 2023 Wayne Phillips took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

**MR MILLIGAN:** Yes, if I can. Thank you. On page 110, table 20, the percentage of ESA-led emergency plans was not able to be met, they were not able to meet the 100 per cent. Can you provide more details of which plans failed to meet that target?

**Mr Gentleman:** Yes, thank you, Mr Milligan. We will just go through to our operational commanders to give you the detail of the plans that were put in place and those targets.

**Mr Phillips:** Thanks, minister. Wayne Phillips, Interim Commissioner, ESA. I understand the privilege statement, thanks. Sorry, Mr Milligan, can you just refer to that question again?

**MR MILLIGAN:** The targets were not met at 100 per cent and I just would like to know more details of what plans failed to meet that target.

**Mr Phillips:** Can I take that question on notice?

**MR MILLIGAN:** Yes, certainly. I guess, as the question has been taken on notice, why did these plans not meet the target? What has been done to address that shortfall for those plans? And how will this impact the 2023-24 plans? So, I mean, if you want to take all those—

**Mr Phillips:** Yes, I will take—

**MR MILLIGAN:** —on notice, that is fine.

**Mr Phillips:** I will take all those on notice, thank you.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Of the 22 ACT emergency management plans, the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) leads on the development, management, and review of 11 of those plans.

At the time of the Annual Report writing, the ESA assessed that the Major Structural Collapse Sub-Plan was not within the timeframes for review as described within the Sub-Plan. However, the plan was within the final stages of review.

This delay arose due to a comprehensive review of roles and responsibilities between ACT Fire and Rescue and supporting agencies. There is no impact on the operational capability of the ESA to undertake major structure collapse response operations. The review is now complete, and the Major Structural Collapse Sub-Plan is progressing through the endorsement process.

Since the time of Annual Report writing, the Justice and Community Safety Directorate's Security and Emergency Management Division (JACS SEMD) has instituted more comprehensive governance on behalf of the Security and Emergency Management Senior Officials Group (SEMSOG) to ensure ACT emergency management plans remain within the minimum review period.

This will not affect plans for the 2023-24 High-Risk Weather Season as operational emergency plans are developed under an alternate process.

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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA