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**QTON No. 29**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**25 FEBRUARY 2021**

Question taken on notice by the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA, p.74 of Uncorrected Transcript:

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA:

In relation to: **Data security breaches during COVID-19**

Yes, I am interested in the uptick during COVID on cyber attack and fraud. And I am wondering if you have done the analysis. Is that part of the normal cycle of fraud going up doing recession? Or is that opportunity? Or is that because of stimulus payments??

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Government has not observed an increase in ICT security incidents during the COVID-19 pandemic period in comparison to previous years.

The ACT remained alert and enabled to monitor and respond to a dynamic and evolving cyber threat environment, including its continued participation in the National Cyber Security Committee.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:

Date: 1/3/21

By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA