



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QON No. 79

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

JEREMY HANSON CSC MLA (CHAIR), MARISA PATERSON MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), JO CLAY MLA

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

Asked by Peter Cain MLA:

Ref: Budget Statements D, Changes to Appropriation, Table 24: Changes to appropriation

In relation to: Better Government — Supporting Government Transparency

Page 22 of Budget Statements D shows that \$130,000 will be invested in supporting government transparency.

- a. Can you please clarify how this money will be spent?

Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

This funding of \$130,000 for the Justice and Community Safety Directorate will fund one full time ASO 6 position to undertake processing of applications under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

This funding is part of a broader initiative to ensure capacity and capability to sustain the intent of the framework established by the Freedom of Information Act, which is to increase and maintain transparency of the ACT Government, noting the increase in the number and complexity of FOI applications received across government since the commencement of the new Act on 1 January 2018.

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

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Shane Rattenbury".

Date: 15/3/21

By the Attorney-General, Shane Rattenbury MLA