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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
29 October 2021

QTON No - 28

Asked by MRS KICKERT on 29 October 2021: MS BERRY took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

How many men contact the DVCS for support? Not only for crisis accommodation, but also for support because they are victims of domestic violence.

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) is an inclusive service which provides support to anyone in the Canberra community who is impacted by domestic, family and intimate partner violence, regardless of gender. Not all clients choose to provide information on their gender identity.

In 2020-21, DVCS Crisis Intervention team provided support to 326 people who identified as male. This number includes a proportion of people who were seeking support in regard to their use of violence as well as people who were seeking support as victims of violence.

Data identifying the proportion of men who were provided support as victims is not available.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:

Date: 11/11/21

By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA