



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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**Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**1 March 2022**

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Asked by ANDREW BRADDOCK MLA on 1 MARCH 2022: ANDREW BARR MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR BRADDOCK: Okay, I will try to rephrase the question this way. Can I please have an update against the ACT Budget Women's Statement, in terms of the achievement of the policy objectives set out in that statement?

Mr Barr: Well, what, a verbal update now? Or are you asking me to take it on notice?

MR BRADDOCK: Or you can take it on notice. I would like to see a report.

Mr Barr: Okay, well that is a document—that would be a document in itself, Mr Braddock, so I think the appropriate reporting against that would sit with the Minister for Women, but I will take on notice what, if any, further information we can provide.

ANDREW BARR MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Women's Budget Statement (WBS) outlines the new and existing investments and commitments by the Government to improve the wellbeing of women and girls in the ACT. It is a point-in-time document which sits alongside broader budget papers. In 2021-22 the Women's Budget Statement considered investment across each of the wellbeing indicators.

The strategic policy document outlining how the ACT Government will improve the lives of women and girls in the ACT is the *ACT Women's Plan 2016-26*. This document outlines policy focus areas of Health and Wellbeing, Safety, Housing and Homelessness, Leadership, and Economic Security.

Underpinning the *ACT Women's Plan 2016-26* are three action plans. The *Second Action Plan 2020-22* has 29 actions under 5 objectives. Each action is assigned to an ACT Government Directorate as the lead Directorate. The ACT Government reports against progress under the action plan each year around International Women's Day.

Year two reporting on progress of the 29 actions was delivered in March 2022.

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA