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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Dr Marisa PATERSON MLA on 24 August 2022: Mr Iain ANDERSON took on notice the following question:

[Ref: Hansard Transcript – Uncorrected Proof, 24 August 2022, pg. 36]

In relation to:

Data for the 2021–22 financial year on the timing of notifications received by the Ombudsman under the reportable conduct scheme, to give a sense of the average time it takes for a report to reach the Ombudsman.

ACT Ombudsman:

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

Under s 17G (2) of the *Ombudsman Act 1989*, a designated entity is required to notify the ACT Ombudsman's Office (the Office) within 30 days after becoming aware of a reportable allegation or reportable conviction of an employee.

In 2021–22, for those designated entities who complied with the 30-day notification timeframe, the average number of days taken to notify the Office from when the allegation was known is 19 days.

In 2021–22, for all notifications, the average number of days taken for designated entities to notify the Office from when the allegation was known is 35 days.

Designated entities advised the Office the common causes for delay in notification are gathering information and staffing and resource issues.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature:

Date: 31/8/2022

By the ACT Ombudsman, Mr Iain ANDERSON