



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION  
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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:

In relation to: We Don't Shoot Our Wounded / Share What You Know

Can the minister please provide an update on what actions have been taken or are in progress to address issues in the We Don't Shoot Our Wounded and Share What You Know reports?

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

The ACT Government is committed to working with the Aboriginal and Torres Islander community in improving government responses and community-led responses to recommendations within both We Don't Shoot Our Wounded and Change our future: Share what you know reports.

The Change our future: Share what you know report was released in 2017 with recommendations from the Domestic Violence Prevention Council (DVPC) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Forum on domestic and family violence held 29-30 March 2017.

There was a commitment made in the new ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028 and reaffirmed in a Joint Ministerial Statement tabled in the Legislative Assembly in October 2019 by the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family violence and the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

The Joint Ministerial Statement recognised Government's significant delay in responding to these reports and the mistrust and distress this silence has contributed to within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The Joint Ministerial Statement reaffirmed the Government's commitment to working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Since the tabling of the Statement, the Government has focussed on deepening partnerships with community and their representative bodies.

The Office of the Coordinator-General for Family Safety is providing support to the Domestic Violence Prevention Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference group during each phase of this work, the current focus being on community consultations which commenced in 2020.



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The purpose of the consultations was to test the currency of the recommendations in the reports and to determine next steps to action these recommendations through a collaborative process with the Domestic Violence Prevention Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference group to develop community-led responses for domestic and family violence.

The Office of the Coordinator General for Family Safety received the priority recommendations from the Reference Group ahead of the full consultation report and are collating data on domestic and family violence service use by the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population to help inform the next phase of work.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:

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