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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS 4:45pm to 6:00pm

Asked by **Ms Lawder** on **25 August 2022**: **Minister Davidson, Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services, Minister for Veterans and Seniors, Minister for Disability** took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: UPT Hansard Transcript 25 August 2022, page 116

In relation to: Age Friendly Cities Survey

In the May statement it was reported that data was collected on perspectives with regards to COVID-19 to inform work across the ACT government:

- **How was the data collected and over what period?**
- **With the Your Say survey how many respondents were there that participated in the survey, and what were the break-up of the age groups (of the respondents)?**

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

- **How was the data collected and over what period?**

The data was collected via surveys distributed to members of the YourSay Panel. The surveys were conducted throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the first survey conducted in April 2020 and the most recent survey conducted in July 2022. In total, 18 COVID-19-related surveys have been conducted with the YourSay Panel.

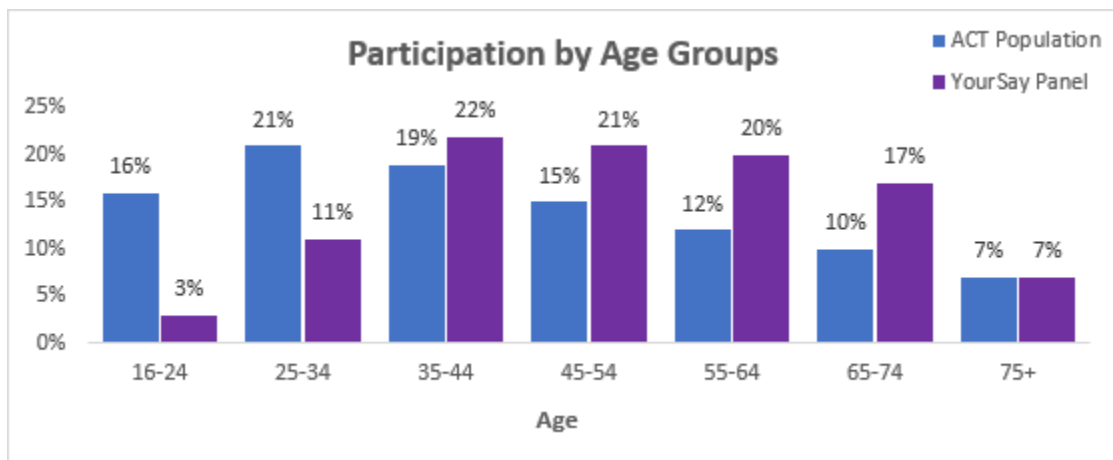
- **With the Your Say survey how many respondents were there that participated in the survey, and what were the break-up of the age groups (of the respondents)?**

The most recent YourSay survey relating to COVID-19 was conducted in July 2022. In total, 2,104 panellists participated in the survey. There was strong participation in the survey by older panellists, with panellists aged 55+ years accounting for 44% of the total sample. Provided below is a bar graph showing the breakdown of participation by age group

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compared to the total ACT population for each age group. People aged 55+ years made up 29% of the total ACT population at the time of the 2021 ABS Census meaning that older Panellists were over-represented in the survey.



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

Signature: *Emma Davidson*

Date: 31 August 2022

By Minister Emma Davidson (Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services, Minister for Veterans and Seniors, Minister for Disability)

Nicole - if you'd like a brief on what we learned from the survey, my office would be happy to do this. I found it to be an important insight into how our older people are feeling, and what might support them into our third year with COVID.
Emma.