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STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

In relation to: **Education on replacing gas and wood heaters?**

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ACTF&R are reminding Canberrans to clean and maintain heaters and check and test smoke alarms. Are they also providing information about ACTSmart and replacing gas and wood heaters with electric ones at the same time, which would be safer as well as better for the climate?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Access Canberra and ACTSmart has responsibility for delivering the Wood Heater Replacement Program and the Burn Right Tonight Program, with the Minister for Environment having policy responsibility for air quality.

ACT Fire & Rescue (ACTF&R) is responsible for working with the community to ensure that whatever types of heaters Canberrans have, they are operating them in a safe manner to reduce the risk of house fires. ACTF&R does provide technical advice to both Access Canberra and ACTSmart which can then be used in the information that they provide to the community in relation to the Programs.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA