



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
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Inquiry into Community Corrections 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
16-17 February 2022

Asked by Mr Braddock MLA on 17 February 2022: Minister Rattenbury took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Talking further about victims, we had the Victims Commissioner here, discussing how there are actually three victims registers across the ACT government, none of which actually sit with the Victims Commissioner. This is something I am interested in. Why do we have three when one could suffice in this space?

Minister Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There are currently three separate victims registers in the ACT as set out below. Each register has different legislative requirements. For example, the information that can be provided to a victim of an adult offender is different to the information that can be provided to a victim of a youth offender or the affected person of a forensic patient.

Planning is underway to transfer all three registers to Victim Support ACT by the end of this financial year, with relevant Memorandums of Understanding being drafted to ensure appropriate information sharing arrangements. Relocating the registers to a single agency will facilitate victim-focused register management, as well as administrative efficiencies, and allow for the provision of more holistic advice and supports to victims and affected persons.

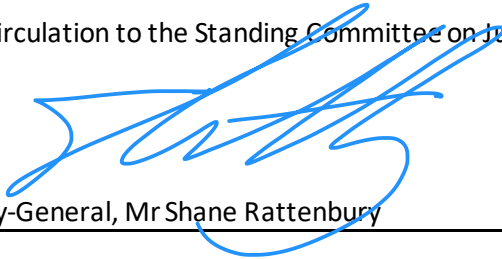
The three victims registers in the ACT are:

1. The Adult Offenders Victims Register which is currently administered by ACT Corrective Services and provides information to victims of adult offenders in accordance with Chapter 10 of the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005* and the *Victims of Crime Act 1994*.
2. The Youth Justice Victims Register which provides information to victims of youth offenders in accordance with Chapter 10 of the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005* and the *Victims of Crime Act 1994*. Most recently the Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 amended the *Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act* to facilitate the transfer of the responsibility for this register from the Director General of the Community Services Directorate.

3. The Affected Persons Register provides information to victims and affected persons of offences committed by forensic patients in accordance with Part 7.2 of the *Mental Health Act 2015* and the *Victims of Crime Act 1994*. This Register is currently administered by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

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

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By the Attorney-General, Mr Shane Rattenbury