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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 TAKEN ON NOTICE
25 FEBRUARY 2021

Question taken on notice by Chief Officer of the ACT Ambulance Service, Mr Howard Wren, p.24 of Uncorrected Transcript:

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA:

In relation to: **Ambulance callout data by suburb during extreme heat events in 2019-20**

Could you provide a breakdown of data by suburb for callouts during extreme heat events in 2019-20? I would really like to see if there has been any analysis done on predicting whether there are areas where we know we are going to have a problem in the next heat event.

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There was only one activation of the Extreme Heat Plan during the 2019-20 summer. This was from 31 January to 2 February 2020. Providing a breakdown of heat-related call outs by suburb during this period would take considerable time to compile and would unreasonably re-direct ACT Ambulance Service (ACTAS) personnel away from important functions. As such, I have determined it is not appropriate to provide a response to this part of the question.

ACTAS has, however, looked at the total number of calls received for all incidents across the three days (31 January to 2 February 2020), and there was no increase in call volume from what was experienced just prior to and after the extreme heat event.

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

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Chris Steel".

Date: 4/3/21

By the acting Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Chris Steel MLA