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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 Attorney-General:

In relation to: **Remote Hearings**

[Ref JCSAR p 101]

1. The COVID pandemic has seen the introduction of online hearings. Will online hearings continue after COVID for convenience, safety or efficiency?
2. Has there been any research into the efficacy of online hearings for all parties?

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. ACAT continues to undertake online hearings. The Courts have resumed in person hearings but continue to use remote facilities where appropriate. Online hearings for the Courts are a matter for the judiciary.
2. ACT Courts and Tribunal is not aware of any research into the efficacy of online hearings for all parties.

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

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By the Attorney-General, Shane Rattenbury MLA