



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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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 **MR CAIN** on 10 March 2021:

Ref: OLA Annual Report 2019-20, COVID-19 Arrangements

In relation to:

1. Is it intended that the current standard of sanitation will be continued for the foreseeable future or is there an end date, based on ACT Health advice?
2. How are school visits and other public tours being reintroduced and promoted?
3. What numbers does a public tour normally attract?
4. The new arrangements for visitors to the building is via a QR code. Is that working?
5. How do you access the details of visitors to the building from the QR code?
6. How do you track someone in the building and when they leave, given previously they were required to hand in their visitor pass on leaving?

MADAM SPEAKER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. There is no advice from ACT Health that foreshadows a discontinuation of the recommended sanitation hygiene practices.
2. **Reintroduction** – All education programs are being reintroduced under the Assembly's COVID safe plan which includes social distancing, adhering to group size limits on rooms, sanitising during and after visits, limited catering at select events and cancellation of visits if any member of a group has COVID symptoms. The Assembly's COVID safe plan is regularly reviewed in line with ACT Health policy.

Promotion – All program information, contact details, and booking forms are available through the Assembly website. At the start of each calendar year, the Office sends a letter from the Speaker accompanied by the education program brochure, inviting schools to visit the Assembly to every principal, HASS and Legal Studies co-ordinator in both public and private ACT schools.

The Office maintains a teacher contact list, which it uses to promote specific school programs such as the Interschool Parliamentary Debates and the ACT Schools' Constitutional Convention.

Social media is used to promote public tours, a physical sign is also placed out on Civic Square at the public entrance every Wednesday (public tour day).

3. Public tours normally have 1-2 people each week.

4. The Check In CBR App is successfully being used for non-pass holders with very few people having to physically sign in due to them not having a phone or access to the Check In CBR App.
5. OLA staff cannot access the data captured via the Check In CBR App. Only ACT Health contact tracing teams have access to that data.
6. Public visitors to the Assembly do not receive a visitor pass as it is not required. Visitors that enter the secure zones of the building must be escorted beyond the public area by a member or pass holder. Neither of these categories of visitors are tracked. If there was a security or safety incident warranting review of CCTV footage, the Office's policy is that this could be reviewed with the explicit permission of the Clerk.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:



By Joy Burch MLA, Speaker

Date:

