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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

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In relation to: Percentage of levies that go to frontline services

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MS LEE: And can you just confirm, in terms of as a percentage, of the levy that is collected for both, how much actually goes to frontline services?

Mr Barr: I would need to take that on notice.

MS LEE: Yes.

Mr Barr: But I would imagine it is 100 per cent.

MS LEE: Just confirming, you are taking for both of those levies on notice?

Mr Barr: Yes.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Police, Fire and Emergency Services Levy (PFESL) and the Safer Families Levy (SFL) contribute to consolidated revenue.

The expenditure for the police, firefighting services and emergency services as well the provision of services in relation to domestic and family violence are both greater than the revenue raised by their respective levies.

In 2024-25, the net expenditure for emergency services and policing will total approximately \$454 million. The PFESL by comparison will raise an estimated \$113 million in 2024-25.

The ACT Government introduced the SFL on 1 July 2016 to provide an ongoing revenue base to fund long-term system reform and service improvements in relation to domestic and family violence. The Levy is applied to all residential and rural properties. Accounting of Safer Family Initiatives against the Levy can be found in table H.2 (p 340) of the Budget Outlook.

The 2024-25 Budget provides for an additional \$12.2 million over four years to address domestic, family, and sexual violence. This new funding, in addition to existing commitments, brings the total investment in domestic, family, and sexual violence to \$94.78 million from 2024-25 over four years. The SFL will raise approximately \$9.5 million in 2024-25 and \$49.4 million over the four years to 2027-28. From 2024-25, the Levy will not fund non-frontline ACT Government employees.

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA