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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 Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

In relation to: **ESA and links with other info services**

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The ESA Public Information and Engagement services is the single point of truth. Information is distributed via ESA channels. Is this linked in and coordinated with other key apps, like Fires Near Me NSW?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) works closely with the NSW Rural Fire Service in many facets including the use of the 'Fires Near Me NSW' application. The ESA is exploring options to have a 'Fires Near Me ACT' application, which will allow the ESA to issue notifications and alerts to our communities based on the geographical location of the users. The NSW application which ACT feeds data into, currently does not allow notifications to the ACT for local incidents.

It should be noted that the application is one of many ways in which emergency information is communicated to the ACT public. Others include the ESA website, Facebook, Twitter, media partners, in person communications, and RSS feeds. RSS feeds are used by external companies and organisations to share crucial information from the ESA website including alerts, warnings, and fire danger ratings.

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

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Date: 23/3/2021

By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA