



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY  
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**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**19 October 2021**

Asked by Jo Clay MLA on 19 October 2021: Madelin Bayer, Environment Protection Authority, took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Air pollution complaints comparison December to January 2019-20 and 2020-21

**MS CLAY:** That would be great. Can you give me the top-line figure of how that compares with the air pollution complaints you received during the smoke event after the bushfires?

**Ms Bayer:** For the 2019-20 financial year, we received 286 complaints about smoke. I can take it on notice and provide you with a more confined period, in terms of the December-January period, in comparison for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 periods.

**MS CLAY:** That would be great.

**MINISTER CHEYNE:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Between 1 December 2019 and 31 January 2020, the Environment Protection Authority received 82 complaints about air pollution, of which 50 complaints were about smoke, with one complaint relating to bushfire smoke.

Between 1 December 2020 and 31 January 2021, the Environment Protection Authority received 34 complaints about air pollution, of which 18 were smoke related, with zero relating to bushfire smoke.

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By the Minister for Business and Better Regulation, Tara Cheyne MLA