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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

QoN No - 57

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref: Safer Families, Budget paper G, p 9

In relation to: Women's Safety

1. The Community Satisfaction with Policing national survey measures women's perception of safety when they are by themselves walking in the neighbourhood during the day and at night. 93% of women feel safe during the day, and only 42% feel safe at night. Has the ACT Government ever measured or sought after this data that is specific to the ACT?
 - a. If yes, what are the percentages of women in the ACT who feel safe walking by themselves in the neighbourhood during the day and also during the night?
 - b. If no, does the ACT Government have any plans to conduct a similar survey or otherwise collect the relevant data for women in the ACT, to better inform policy decisions when it comes to women's safety in this city?

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Community Satisfaction with Policing national survey measures women's perception of safety when they are by themselves walking in the neighbourhood during the day and at night, and figures are available at State and Territory level. The figures quoted of 93% of women feel safe during the day, and 42% feel safe at night are annual targets set by CSD.

The actual results for the ACT were 91.6% feel safe during the day (compared to 89.7% across Australia). The actual results for the ACT for the percentage of women who feel safe at night is 36.3% (comparable with the national figure of 36.6%).

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA