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

QoN No - 63

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

Ref: Budget Outlook p 375 Appendix H – Safer Families

In relation to: the increase to the Safer Families Levy (the 'levy')

1. The Minister mentioned during hearings on 29 October 2021 that community partners in women's safety as well as sexual health and crisis services were consulted about raising the levy fee. Can the Minister provide a list of all individuals and groups who were consulted on this?
2. Were alternate levy increase models and fees presented to the consulting community partners? If so, can the Minister please detail the alternate funding models and fees that were considered by the ACT Government?

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

1. The Office of the Coordinator-General for Family Safety (OCGFS) has a collaborative working relationship with the domestic, family, and sexual violence services sector. The regular communications and information collected through these conversations informs all strategic decisions about investment in family safety.

On 28 June 2021, OCGFS held an official briefing with sector partners on the changes to the Safer Families Levy. A full list of attendees is not available.

2. Alternative funding models and approaches considered for the Safer Families Levy are Cabinet-in-Confidence as part of budget considerations. These options were therefore not provided to community partners.

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