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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr James Milligan MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA

[Ref: Emergency Services, Paper D, page 8, output class 4.1]

In relation to: **Strategic Indicators for FES (p. 8)**

1. The target for the percentage of structure fires to be confined to room of origin was to be 80%, but the actuals have fallen well short of this target. Your note on this page blames open plan housing and new construction material, but this has not suddenly changed overnight.
 - a. Is this due to a lack of appropriate resources and locations?
 - b. Which areas of Canberra were worst affected by this inability to reach target?
 - c. How much on average did the FES arrive later than needful at a location?
 - d. What distances were the FES required to travel to attend a house fire?

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

- a. No.
- b. There is no discernible trend of areas more susceptible to fires spreading beyond the room of origin.
- c. As indicated by this year's RoGS data, ACTF&R responded to 90% of structure fires within 10.8 minutes, the best result of any fire service in the country.
- d. The vast majority of urban residences in the built-up area are less than 8 kms from an ACTF&R station. As an example, both Tharwa village in the South and Hall village in the North are inside 10kms drive distance from an ACTF&R station.

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

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