

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY Mr Peter Cain MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 22 February 2022

Asked by Dr Marisa Paterson MLA on 22 February 2022: Mr Rohan Spence took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

DR PATERSON: Are there any particular trends in non-voting groups?

Mr Spence: As I think we mentioned in the recent inquiry hearing, there is a trend that sees relatively high numbers as 18-year-olds and then it takes a dip in terms of engagement that does not really come back to those very high numbers of engagement. This is all relative; they are still very high numbers, but the graph does show a dip that comes back with the mid-30s or something like that when it is right back up in those very high 90s.

DR PATERSON: And any gender differences?

Mr Spence: We would have to take that one on notice.

Mr Damian Cantwell AM, CSC, Electoral Commissioner

The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The gender statistics related to non-voters from the 2020 ACT Legislative Assembly election were:

- Male 55%
- Female 45%

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Signature:

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By the Electoral Commissioner, Mr Damian Cantwell AM, CSC