



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS]

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Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
2 March 2022

Asked by Mr Michael Pettersson MLA on 2 March 2022: Ms Penny McKay took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

In regards to one particular sentence, in that the Ombudsman saw an improvement in ACT Policing's engagement with the Office during inspections from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020, what were those improvements and were there any shortcomings still not covered?

Acting ACT Ombudsman:

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

We noted a general improvement in ACT Policing's engagement with our Office in the surveillance device inspections we did for the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020 (the period covered in the 2020–21 annual report). Improved inspection preparation enabled ACT Policing to demonstrate to our Office it had considered or implemented suggested remedial action arising from our previous inspections.

The key findings we made following our surveillance device inspections for the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020 are detailed in our 2020–21 annual report.

We assess the effectiveness of any remedial action ACT Policing takes in response to our findings at subsequent inspections. As noted in our 2020–21 annual report, the results from our inspection of records for the period 1 July to 31 December 2020 will be included in our 2021–22 annual report.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature:

Date:

11/3/2022

By the Acting ACT Ombudsman, Ms Penny McKay.