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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by MR HANSON on 21 July 2023: Minister BERRY (Education and Youth Affairs) took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

How many times have the ACT Police been called to ACT schools over the last few years?

MR HANSON: Different process, is it? Okay. And, is there a report on the number of times that police have been called to schools?

Ms McMahon: There is not a report on the number of times that police have been called to schools. We have been working really closely with ACT Policing and we are just in the process of signing a memorandum—

MR HANSON: You capture that data though? You do not have an analysis of—

Ms McMahon: We would capture that data through our incident management system.

MR HANSON: You do?

Ms McMahon: Yes.

MR HANSON: Could you provide on notice, how many times in, you know, various reporting periods—I do not know how you report it, annually or financial year or annual report—

Ms McMahon: What would you like?

MR HANSON: —or six monthly, that you could provide an update on that, please?

Ms McMahon: Yes. We can provide an update, but probably a timeframe would be really useful.

MR HANSON: Last couple of years would be interesting. Thanks. That will do. I just want to get a sense of it. I am, you know, yes.

Ms McMahon: We have been working really closely with the AFP, and ACT Policing have spent a lot of time with our principals in building those relationships between the local station and the person who is responsible in the local station with our schools, in a way to not only just respond at a most critical time, but also to seek advice from ACT Policing, and to build our skills in incident and scenario responses. It has been a very productive working relationship that we have been able to establish.

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

ACT public schools reported 206 contacts during 2022 and 157 contacts during Semester 1 2023 (to 30 July 2023) with ACT Policing.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ms Berry".

Date: 08/08/23

By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Ms Berry MLA