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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
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CAROLINE LE COUTEUR MLA, MICHAEL PETTERSSON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by MS CAROLINE LE COUTEUR:

Community Services Directorate Annual Report, Age Friendly City

In relation to Strategic Objective and Strategic Indicator 9:

- 1) What factors does the Directorate think contributed to the reduction in satisfaction levels regarding Canberra as an age-friendly city?
- 2) Can you release the results of the Canberra and Region Social and Market Survey that identified this decrease in satisfaction?

GORDON RAMSAY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1) In 2016-17, the Canberra and Region Social Market Survey used an improved methodology to measure community satisfaction rates regarding Canberra as an age-friendly city. The new methodology captures a broader cross section of the community and provides a more reliable indication of satisfaction levels. Changes in satisfaction rates for the 2016-17 are likely to primarily reflect use of the new method to determine satisfaction rates.
- 2) The results of the 2017 Canberra and Region Social and Market Survey in the area of 'is Canberra an age-friendly city?' are provided below:

**Table 3a: Age Friendly City for Seniors**

Q. Do you agree or disagree that Canberra is an age-friendly city for seniors?

		Total 2017
Strongly agree	70.8%	18.5
Partially agree		52.3
Neither agree or nor disagree/dk		13.2
Partially disagree	16.0%	14.3
Strongly disagree		1.7

The survey is one measure of community member's perception of Canberra as an age friendly city. Further information will now be gathered through Transport Canberra and City Services Age Friendly Suburb project survey, which includes a broader age friendly city component.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

Signature:

Date:

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By the Minister for Veterans and Seniors, Gordon Ramsay MLA