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Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
16 November 2017

Asked by MS LE COUTEUR:

In relation to: Women's Safety Survey (CSD 2016–17 Annual Report page 34, figure 12, Strategic Indicator 8)
That is a dramatic change in women's feelings of safety.

Given that these figures are from ACT Policing, how do we find out what they actually ask?

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

The Women's Safety Survey data is sourced from the National Survey of Community Satisfaction with Policing (NSCSP) which is a telephone survey conducted on a quarterly basis across all jurisdictions in Australia. The NSCSP collects information on community perceptions of police, in terms of services provided and personal experiences of contact with the police. The survey also elicits public perceptions of crime and safety problems in the community and local area, and reviews aspects of driving behaviour. The Social Research Centre currently conducts the survey, and the contract is managed by the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) on behalf of all police jurisdictions in Australia.

Data collected via the survey is considered a key indicator of service quality and a source of information for jurisdictions to monitor community perceptions and levels of satisfaction with policing. During the 2016–17 reporting period, 2,400 ACT residents participated in the survey, with 27,901 participating nationally.

The questions used for Figure 11 and 12, Strategic Indicator 8 of the Community Services Directorate Annual Report are as follows:

- How safe do you feel when you are by yourself, walking or jogging in your neighbourhood DURING THE DAY?
- How safe do you feel when you are by yourself, walking or jogging in your neighbourhood DURING THE NIGHT?

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Women, Minister Yvette Berry MLA