



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
27 October 2021

Asked by Dr. Marisa Paterson MLA on 27 October 2021: Mick Gentleman MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

DR PATERSON: Thank you. Just a quick supplementary. Do you collect data on the numbers of people that present in comparison to the numbers of people who make a formal statement?

Mr Crozier: Yes, we do.

DR PATERSON: And is there a substantial difference between those numbers?

Mr Crozier: Deputy Chair, in terms of a substantial difference, I mean, I think what you need to do is look at the data across the board and each of the different elements of it. Because you could say one number is fundamentally different than the other, and that may be the case.

But there is plenty of things along that continuum and plenty of data points that give you an indication—that paint a more accurate picture of what actually is occurring there. And that is what is really important, is along each phase of the situation so we understand it better, but, importantly, for each phase, that provides us opportunities to know how we can engage and support a victim in more effective ways.

DR PATERSON: Thank you. Is it possible to get that data on notice?

Mr Crozier: Yes. We can take that on notice, Deputy Chair.

DR PATERSON: Thank you very much. I really appreciate it.

Mick Gentleman MLA: I am advised that the answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Between 1 January and 31 October 2021, ACT Policing has received **262** reports of Sexual Assault.¹
Of the 262 incidents:

- **68** matters are still under active investigation or before the Court.
- **79** victims have provided a formal statement.
- **115** victims have declined to provide a formal statement.

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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA

¹ includes sexual intercourse without consent, acts of indecency, incest, grooming, technology-enabled sexual offending and related offences.