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Inquiry into Auditor-General's Report 4 of 2020: Residential Land Supply and Release ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 27 April 2022

Asked by Mr Cain on 27 April 2022: Mr Ponton took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: The 2018 Winton Report (survey)

MR CAIN: Just on the 2018 strategy, do you think that reflected the community wishes—

Mr Ponton: Absolutely.

MR CAIN: —as outlined in the Winton Report?

Mr Ponton: Absolutely.

Mr Gentleman: We did 26 workshops across the ACT—

MR CAIN: But the Winton Report clearly said that—

Mr Ponton: The Winton—

MR CAIN: —the community wants majority of land to be detached housing—

Mr Ponton: If I could, minister? The Winton Report, I think, I would need to have another look. It is a little while since I have looked at it. But I think that was 600 to 1,000 people. We had tens of thousands of people interact on the planning strategy. So I think—

MR CAIN: Leading to the 2018 strategy?

Mr Ponton: 2018 Planning Strategy. In addition to that the minister, in 2015, conducted a 12-month, I think it was, minister, exercise of engagement on the minister's statement of planning intent. And that informed the work that was done in the planning strategy. So 2015 through to 2018. And there was many thousands and thousands of participants through that process as well. And in fact I think that was also in the tens of thousands in terms of interactions with the government on that.

So I think it is really important when we hear the, you know, the quoting of the Winton Report—and I might just say it was not a report, it was a survey. So it was a survey commissioned by the government. It was 600 to 1,000 people, I can get the exact number for you, versus tens of thousands of people engaging on the policy work that has resulted in the 2018—after the 2015 Winton survey, the 2018 planning strategy with, as I said, tens of thousands of interactions on that.

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

1,501 people were surveyed as part of the ACT Housing Attitudes and Intentions Survey 2016 Winton Sustainable Research Strategies Pty Ltd.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Signature: Date: 18/5/2022

By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA