



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
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Inquiry into Annual Reports 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
21 February 2022

Asked by Peter Cain MLA on 21 February 2022: Minister Rattenbury MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: Attorney, on page 116 you detail the perception-of-safety rate from 2016-17 until 2021.

Mr Rattenbury: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Do you actually have a gender breakdown of this data?

Mr Rattenbury: I do not know, Mr Cain. Are any of the officials able to assist with this one? I am just grabbing the table; bear with me a moment.

THE CHAIR: Obviously if this is going to take too long you will be taking that on notice.

Mr Rattenbury: Yes. Here comes Mr Ng. He might be able to help us with that one.

Mr Ng: Mr Cain, I was just going to observe that I think we might take that on notice for the moment and see if we can come back before the end of the hearing with an answer for you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. Is anyone able to say whether there is a gender breakdown or not?

Mr Ng: That is the answer I will endeavour to provide you before the end of the hearing.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. You might also take this on notice: is there a breakdown by suburb and electorate of such data?

Mr Rattenbury: I do not think there is, Mr Cain. On my recollection of this data, I have never seen it broken down that way, but as part of that checking process we will look into that for you. If it is done at all, it would be by police district rather than by electorate boundaries.

THE CHAIR: I will certainly look forward to some clarity on that. What about a breakdown of this rate by fear of crime type? In other words, what is it that makes an individual feel unsafe? Maybe there is more than one type of crime that touches on that.

Mr Rattenbury: We will add that to the list of questions to check for you, in terms of what is available.

Attorney-General: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

ACT Policing has provided the below breakdown of statistics related to the public's perception of safety as displayed in Table 38 of the Justice and Community Safety's Annual Report 2020-21.

This data is based on the National Survey of Community Satisfaction with Policing (NSCSP). In 2020-21, 2,401 ACT residents participated in the survey, with 27,964 participating nationally. Please note that the sample size may limit how representative the results are of the ACT population as a whole.

As per the Report on Government Services where the NSCSP is published, perceptions of safety is an indicator of governments' objective to contribute to a safe and secure community that enables people to undertake their lawful pursuits confidently and safely. It is defined by the proportion of people who felt 'safe' or 'very safe'.

a) Breakdown by gender

- i. How safe do you feel when you are by yourself, walking in your neighbourhood during the night?

	Male	Female
2016-17	74.3%	32.6%
2017-18	74.8%	39.3%
2018-19	75.3%	34.2%
2019-20	73.2%	34.8%
2020-21	76%	36%

- ii. How safe do you feel at home by yourself during the night?

	Male	Female
2016-17	96.1%	90.30%
2017-18	96.3%	92%
2018-19	95.8%	91.3%
2019-20	96.2%	90.7%
2020-21	95.2%	89.6%

b) Breakdown by patrol zone

- i) How safe do you feel at home by yourself during the night?

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Belconnen	90.8%	93.5%	91.4%	94.5%	90.7%
City	90.8%	96%	95.5%	90%	90.1%
Gungahlin	87.9%	92.7%	93%	92.1%	92.9%
Tuggeranong	88.1%	88.4%	93.6%	92.2%	91.7%
Woden	94.5%	93.4%	94.2%	91.8%	93.2%
ACT	90.6%	92.6%	93.4%	92.3%	91.6%
National	86.1%	88.4%	88.5%	88.1%	89.1%

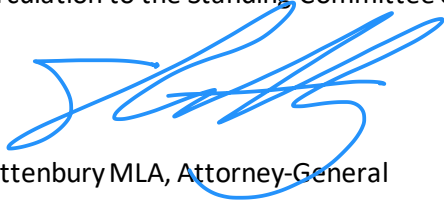
- ii) How safe do you feel when you are by yourself, walking in your neighbourhood during the night?

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Belconnen	57.6%	59.6%	54.6%	52.8%	54.7%
City	60.3%	64.8%	58.5%	58.2%	59.4%

Gungahlin	60%	63.4%	63.6%	54.8%	61.6%
Tuggeranong	46.4%	48.7%	49.4%	47.5%	52%
Woden	59.4%	63%	68.6%	60.6%	57.7%
ACT	56.1%	59.1%	57.8%	54.2%	56.6%
National	47.8%	53.1%	53.5%	52.8%	54.6%

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