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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 6****9 May 2025****Question No. 412****MR CAIN:** To ask the Attorney-General —

1. What percentage of victims were contacted by the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) prior to key prosecutorial decisions (e.g. plea negotiations, charge withdrawals) in each year since 2018.
2. Since 2018, has the office of the DPP tracked or reported any metrics on victim satisfaction, trauma-informed practice, or service standards; if so, can the Attorney-General provide available data or summaries.
3. What training modules or professional development relating to vulnerable witnesses—including children, sexual assault survivors, and victims of domestic violence—have been mandatory for ACT prosecutors since 2018.

TARA CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) does not collect data on the percentage of victims contacted before making key prosecutorial decisions. Information about contact with individual victims and complainants would be held in individual case files.
2. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) maintains a register and publicly reports the number of Justice Agency Complaints from victims in accordance with subdivision 3A.7.2 of the *Victims of Crimes Act 1994*. A victim can complain if they believe the DPP has not complied with their rights, or if a victim is otherwise dissatisfied with the office's service in relation to victims' rights. Justice agency complaints by a victim are referred to the Witness Assistance Service and to the appropriate prosecutor to review the matter.



The Justice Agency Reports are available in the DPP Annual Reports: [Annual Reports - DPP](#).

3. No data is available as to training determined to be mandatory prior to 2024. Several relevant training sessions have been rolled out ahead of the office's move to multidisciplinary teams, including on conferencing vulnerable witnesses, prosecuting family violence and sexual offences. These have been delivered by internal and external staff.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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