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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**CORRIGENDUM TO THE JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY DIRECTORATE
2022-23 BUDGET STATEMENT D**

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1. Page 7 Table 3: Strategic Indicator 2: Crime Related Community Safety

Due to an administrative oversight, the number of escapes or absconds per 100 detainees was incorrectly reported for the 2021-22 Estimated Outcome as zero. The correct number should be 0.3.

Replace:

Table 3: Strategic Indicator 2: Crime Related Community Safety

Success	Strategic Indicator	2021-22 Targets	2021-22 Estimated Outcome	2022-23 Targets
Reduction in level of crime	Number of known and reported criminal offences:			
	- against the person per 100,000 population ^a	<800	788.8	<800
	- against property per 100,000 population ^{a,1}	<4,875	3,700.1	<4,875
Perceptions of safety	The proportion of people who felt 'safe' or 'very safe': ^{a,b}			
	- at home by themselves during the Night ^{a,c}	=>89.1%	91.3%	=>88.9%
	- walking by themselves in their neighbourhood during the night ^{a,c}	=>54.8%	58.0%	=>54.2%
No escapes/ abscondments from custody	Number of escapes or absconds per 100 detainees	0	0	0
Reduction in recidivism rate	ACT sentenced detainees released two years earlier than the year being measured who returned to prison with a new correctional sanction within two years ^{d,2}	41%	36%	36%

Historical performance trends of these Strategic Indicators can be found in the Justice and Community Safety Directorate's 2020-21 Annual Report.

Explanation of Strategic Indicators:

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- c. The targets for the perception of safety indicators are based on the national average for the previous financial year.
- d. The 2022-23 target has been aligned with a gradual reduction in the recidivism rate to meet the primary target in the ACT Government RR25by25Plan to reach a 31.7% recidivism rate by 2025.

Notes:

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2. **There was one escape from lawful custody in the ACT in 2021-22. The detainee escaped from an ACTCS vehicle during a secure escort. An independent review of the incident found that the escape was not reasonably foreseeable by ACTCS. The same review found that the three escort officers involved conducted themselves with absolute professionalism.**
3. The estimated outcome is lower than the target due to multiple factors that include the impact of COVID 19 on the community and the justice system.

The online version of the 2022-23 *Budget Statement D – Justice and Community Safety Directorate, Legal Aid Commission (ACT), Public Trustee and Guardian for the ACT* will be amended to correct this error.