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

QoN No - 60

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Ref: Safer Families, Budget paper G, p 4; Budget Outlook p 155

In relation to: DV response training for ACT Government frontline workers

- 1. A budget technical adjustment was been made in relation to training ACT Government frontline workers to respond to family violence removing funding for the years 2023-24 and 2024-25. Is this training being funded by a different package now?
 - a. If yes, what funding package, and is the allocated funding amount the same as before?
 - b. If no, what plans are there to train government frontline workers in family violence response, how will this be funded and by how much?
 - c. Which ACT government frontline workers have received this training to date, and what frontline workers have yet to receive training?

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

- 1. In 2019-20, the Government committed \$2.476 million over four years to deliver domestic and family violence training for all ACT public servants, including frontline workers. There has been no change to the \$2.467 million budget allocated in 2019-20. The technical adjustment is to acknowledge that this initiative was only funded for four years.
 - a. There is no new funding package.
 - b. The Budget allocates \$572,000 for 2021-22 and \$567,000 for 2022-23.
 - c. Since 2019, over 11,500 ACT public servants have completed domestic and family violence training. Many of those who have completed this foundational training occupy frontline roles. Of the 11,500, around 780 ACT public servants working in frontline roles relating to domestic and family violence have received further in-depth, technical domestic and family violence training. The Office of the Coordinator-General for Family Safety is continuing to work with Directorates to roll out this training.

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By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Yvette Berry MLA