



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mrs Kikkert MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 4 November 2022, Output Class 1.5 Safer Families, CSD Annual Report 2021-22, p 83.

In relation to: We Don't Shoot Our Wounded report recommendations

1. Can the Minister please provide an update on the current status of each of the recommendations from the Report, including anticipated dates of implementation for recommendations that are still yet to be actioned?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Office of the Coordinator-General for Family Safety is continuing to work closely with the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group (DVPC Reference Group) on the most important recommendations identified by the DVPC Reference Group from the Report for priority action.

The four priority recommendations from the Report identified by the DVPC Reference Group are:

- To establish a specific service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women where a range of legal, advocacy, practical and healing activities can be delivered (recommendation 4)
- To develop a coordinated approach to supporting children and young people affected by family violence that recognises the importance of education and of family; and which offers practical, sustainable and non-punitive support to the parent who is also a victim of violence (recommendation 8).
- To provide advocacy, assistance and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women from the time they report to police through to prosecution and court process and linked to victim support measures aimed at securing their personal, financial and social stability and security (recommendation 9).
- To identify and implement a range of healing, supportive, advocacy and other interventions focused on addressing the trauma and harm from family violence (recommendation 10).

The DVPC Reference Group have advised that priority action should be taken in relation to implementing Recommendation 4. The ACT Government will progress an open grants process to allow for the delivery of the recommendation.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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Date: 06/02/23

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