



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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### QUESTION ON NOTICE

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

Ref: The Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Budget Paper 3, p.139 (CSD)

In relation to: Phase 1 of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Steering Committee's final report

Date (Question Lodged by Member): 30/08/2022

Date (Question Sent to DLO): 05/09/2022

1. **To date, how many families have been supported by the Health Justice Partnership so far, and The Following from phase 1 of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Steering Committee's final report, the ACT Government has plans to establish independent sexual violence advisers in the ACT. Can the Minister please detail the role and responsibilities of these advisers?**
  - a. **Will these advisers be working directly with victim survivors to provide individualised support?**
  - b. **When will the advisers be established, and how many will there be?**
2. **Can the Minister please provide further details on the independent review of frontline women's services responding to sexual violence, including who will be conducting the review and a complete financial breakdown of this undertaking?**

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30 August 2022

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. The Health Justice Partnerships have supported over 1000 clients from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2022.

The role of Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (known as ISVAs) is to support victim survivors through advocacy and expert system navigation, so victim survivors have prompt access to the specialist services they need. ISVAs work by coordinating agencies and services to provide a victim survivor-centered response, tailored to the individual's needs. An ISVA works with victim survivors irrespective of whether they have reported to the police.

- a. Yes
- b. The timing of the establishment and number of ISVAs in the ACT will be determined as part of an initial design and scoping phase in 2022-23.

2. The ACT Government is committing \$585,000 over two years to undertake a Specialist Services Review. A procurement process is being progressed to appoint an individual or organisation to undertake the review. Once the provider is contracted, the first phase will be to define the scope of the review. The contract is expected to commence in late 2022 and continue into late 2023.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature:

Date:

09/09/22

By Minister Yvette Berry [Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence]

