



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 81.

In relation to: Funding for community domestic violence frontline services

1. The annual reports mention that the Office of the Coordinator-General for Family Safety continue to support frontline services, including funding provided to the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC) and the Domestic Violence Crisis Services (DVCS). This includes a Safer Families initiative described as 'providing support to people escaping domestic and family violence' for \$310k per year for the next 2 years. Can the Minister confirm whether this funding provided is new funding or a reallocation of earlier funding as part of the COVID response funding to the sector?

a. Has there been any new funding provided to community domestic violence frontline services besides from the CRCC and DVCS? If so, who are these service providers being supported?

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

1. This funding is new funding to the sector.

a. Funding has been provided to other community domestic violence frontline services.

The 2022-23 Budget provided \$5.4m over three years for the expansion of the Family Violence Safety Action Program (FVSAP) delivered by Victim Support ACT and supported by DVCS and other partner agencies.

Additionally, the Budget provided \$4.36m over four years to establish and pilot a multidisciplinary centre for victims of sexual violence. The initiative is still in its design phase, however, will involve and fund government and non-government frontline providers to support victim-survivors.

Funding has also been provided to frontline services through Payment 1 of the Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence National Partnership Agreement. In addition to DVCS and FVSAP, this funding was provided to community services including Doris Women's Refuge, Relationships Australia, CARE Financial, and the Multicultural Hub to bolster their domestic, family and sexual violence responses.

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