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Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

Standing Committee on Social Policy

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Marisa Paterson MLA

Reference: Safer Families Levy/Community Services Directorate

Hearing: 10 February 2025
In relation to: Safer Families Levy
Question received: 18 February 2025
Answer Due: 25 February 2025

(1) How much of the Safer Families Levy goes to ACT Public Service salaried employees and how much goes to the community sector, and how is that distribution determined?

Marisa Paterson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

(1) The 2024-25 ACT Budget allocated $2.092 million to fund ACT Government frontline employees, which is partially offset by the Safer Families Levy. This funds 14 positions in Victim Support ACT to deliver the Family Violence Safety Action Program, a coordinated response to bring agencies together for domestic violence matters where victim-survivors are at risk of significant harm/lethality. From 2024-25, the Safer Families Levy ceased to offset funding of non-frontline ACT Government employees.

In 2024-25, $36.7 million over 4 years has been allocated to community services, which is partially offset through the Safer Families Levy. This includes new funding announced in the 2024-25 ACT Budget and the continuation of existing initiatives.

The Safer Families Levy is applied as an offset to the overall Safer Families package of measures outlined in table H.2 in the 2024-25 Budget Outlook and not at the individual initiative component level within this package.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature: M. Paterson

Date: 25/2/25

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Marisa Paterson MLA