



## Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023**

#### **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert:

Reference: Hearing on 15 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: National initiatives in the ACT

(1) The ACT Government established the 2022-23 FDSV Grants round, which provided funding to 22 projects that were delivered by 21 community organisations. Can the Government provide a list of the 21 community organisations, details on the project being funded by the grant, and the amount of funding granted?

(a) How many grant applicants were rejected, if any? What was the reason for the rejection?

(b) Were there any grant applicants that did not get the full amount of funding that they requested? If so, please detail the difference in funding and the reason for the not being able to fund the requested amount.

(2) The Australian Government committed to funding 500 new frontline and community sector FDSV workers across Australia. How many of these workers will be for the ACT? Where exactly will they be working and their roles?

(a) The ACT Government is expected to receive \$5.621m over 5 years to fund initiatives that relate to addressing perpetrator behaviour in the ACT. How is the Government planning on spending the amount allocated? Which stakeholders will receive some of this money to support their work addressing perpetrator behaviour and how much?

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

(1) This information is detailed on the CSD website at:

<https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/domestic-and-family-violence-support/what-is-act-government-doing/family-domestic-and-sexual-violence-grants>.

(a) Of the 45 applications received in the FDSV Grant program, 23 were unsuccessful. The total value of all grant applications far exceeded the available funding. All applications were reviewed by the Grant Assessment Team and rated against the FDSV Grants Program

selection criteria to determine recommendations for funding.

(b) The majority of the grant applications were funded to the full extent of their request. Of the 22 projects funded under the FDSV Grants Program:

- 14 received the full amount of funding requested; and
- 8 received partial funding.

As the funding allocation was over-subscribed, it was not possible to fund all projects fully.

The Grant Assessment Team gave careful consideration to all applications in reaching their recommendations and all unsuccessful applicants were provided the opportunity to receive individualised feedback.

(2) The ACT will receive \$2.496 million over 4 years from 2022-23 to 2025-26 under the Commonwealth 500 workers initiative to fund a total of 7.6 workers in the ACT, who must be hired in frontline domestic, family and sexual violence community organisations. The ACT will allocate the 7.6 workers to the following services:

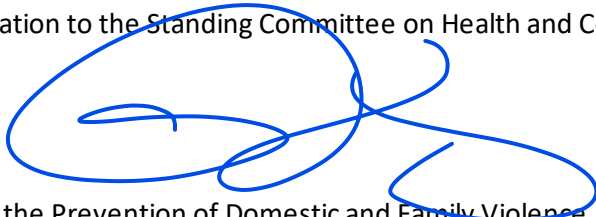
- 4 FTE to Canberra Rape Crisis Centre. This will include 3 FTE for mainstream service provision and 1 FTE for Service Assisting Male Survivors of Sexual Assault.
- 2 FTE to Multicultural Hub Canberra to increase capacity of the Multicultural Women's Service and the Multicultural Counselling to ensure services can operate of a fulltime basis.
- 1 FTE to Yerrabi Yurwang for the Yerrabi Yurwang Nara-Gana-Wali Strengthening Families Program.
- 0.6 FTE to Domestic Violence Crisis Service to support the continuation of the Practice Lead role. The Practice Lead will continue to support staff to provide best practice, evidence-based domestic and family violence services.

(a) The ACT is expected to receive \$3.374 million over 5 years for innovative approaches to address perpetrator behaviour under the National Partnership Agreement, not \$5.621m over 5 years as stated in Question 2(a).

The ACT Government intends to use the funding to undertake a scoping study and deliver an innovative pilot. The scoping study will provide the ACT Government with advice on best practice approaches to working with perpetrators, including successful approaches to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and boys. The ACT Government will then consider the findings of the study and pilot one of the responses identified.

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