



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA:

Ref: Output Class 1.5 Safer Families, Community Services Directorate (CSD) Annual Report 2020–2021

In relation to:

1. Can the Minister provide details about the current progress and results of the FVSAP?
2. In what manner will the FVSAP be evaluated, and what plans does the ACT Government for the pilot in the future?

MS BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The Family Violence Safety Action Pilot (FVSAP) was established in July 2020 and began taking referrals in November 2020. From November 2020 to January 2022:
 - Agencies referred 266 families for initial assessment by the FVSAP agencies. These families include 329 children. Of those initially assessed, 189 were officially referred and of those:
 - 29 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (15%)
 - 23 people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (12%)
 - 3 women on temporary visas (3%)
 - 21 people with a disability (11%)
 - 3 people from LGBTIQ+ communities (2%)
 - The remaining 77 families were assisted by the FVSAP providing supports to agencies, discussing next steps, mentoring practices, engaging with clients, advocating with agencies or assisting with navigation of the service system.
2. An evaluation of the FVSAP was completed in 2021. The evaluation found the FVSAP increases service accountability for victim-survivor safety, improves perpetrator visibility and accountability through sharing of information and

collaborative case management, and improves understanding of domestic and family violence, safety, and perpetrator accountability within the ACT service system.

The 2021-22 ACT Budget committed \$249,000 to continue the FVSAP. A further \$143,000 was allocated by the ACT Government from the National Partnership Agreement on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence 2021-23 to continue the initiative to 30 June 2022.

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

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Date: 21/03/22

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