



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Deborah Morris MLA

Addressed to: Catherine Rule

In relation to: Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Office staffing

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Catherine Rule took on notice the following question(s):

THE CHAIR: You said there was 32 staff in the office. Has that number changed since the change in policy regarding the use of the levy?

Ms Bogiatzis: Yes. So the office has grown and shrunk over time. Sometimes when we are funded for a budget initiative that has staffing tied to it for a short period of time. So sometimes that might be one FT for two years to help deliver a particular thing. So because of that our staffing levels have fluctuated.

When the office was established in 2016 there were just four staff and now, as I mentioned earlier, we are 32 staff. We are a whole branch and I think that is reflective of the significant investment in family, domestic and sexual violence services that has increased over time, but also the large contracts that we kind of administer and manage and the program delivery that happens from the office.

THE CHAIR: Sorry. See if you have further questions on this line.

MS MORRIS: Are you able to take on notice the staffing profiles since the introduction of the levy since 2016 to date?

Ms Bogiatzis: So in 2016 there were four FT.

MS MORRIS: Yes. So for each year.

Ms Bogiatzis: For each year?

MS MORRIS: Then just come back to the committee with the staffing profile.

Ms Rule: That will be published in our directorate annual reports year by year, but we can compile that into one place if that is what you require.

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

The below table outlines the staffing profile in DFSVO since 2016:

Year	Staffing Profile	
	Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Headcount
2016-2017	5.6	6
2017-2018*	8.0	8
2018-2019	15.4	16
2019-2020	14.3	16
2020-2021	21.1	23
2021-2022	22.7	24
2022-2023**	35.9	39
2023-2024	37.6	39
2024-2025	30.5	36

*In the 2017-2018 financial year, the Office of the Coordinator-General for Family Safety moved from the Justice and Community Safety Directorate into the Community Services Directorate.

**In the 2022-23 financial year, the Office of the Coordinator-General for Family Safety extended its remit to include sexual violence and amended its name to the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Office.

Note that the table excludes Senior Executive staff.

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Signature: 

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