



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 83.

In relation to: Family Violence Safety Action Pilot (FVSAP)

1. Can you provide some details on the kind of information that is shared between the ACT government and non-government services for the integrated case management delivered by the Pilot?
 - a. How will the Pilot look at perpetrator accountability and what plans does the ACT government have for the future of this Pilot?
 - b. How are participants to this Pilot selected i.e. referrals from a certain organisation, assessment criteria – please detail.
 - c. How many people have participated in the Pilot to date?
2. Can the Minister please list all known organisations that provide case management for victims of domestic violence in the ACT?

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

1. The information shared between agencies is for the purpose of risk assessment and risk management. The type of information depends on the victim-survivor's needs and which agencies are involved in their case management. A typical example is information sharing between organisations to secure crisis accommodation for a client.
 - a) The FVSAP focuses on perpetrator accountability by utilising the Safe & Together model which outlines perpetrator's patterns of behaviour. This helps with identifying the service needs for perpetrators to support non-violence. Since commencement of the Perpetrator Response Advisor in 2021, FVSAP has coordinated responses for 151 perpetrators.

b)

The future of the FVSAP will focus on its expansion and transition from a pilot to a program, following the additional investment provided in the 2022-23 Budget.

c) All agencies can refer to the FVSAP with referral pathways coming from both Government and non-Government agencies. Assessment criteria includes risk assessment, professional judgement of the referring agency, and the victim-survivor's own assessment of their risk. This information is then considered by the FSVAP team, who triage referrals and provide appropriate service support.

d) Since the commencement of the pilot, there has been 339 formal referrals that has involved the review of 246 victim-survivors and 579 children. This includes all official referrals to the pilot, as well as families where referrers contacted the pilot to discuss possible options and supports.

e) Referrals made to the pilot that were taken to triage meetings: **162** (compared with 98 the previous financial year).

2. There are many organisations in the ACT that provide case management support to victim survivors of domestic violence. Organisations that provide specialist domestic violence case management supports include Domestic Violence Crisis Service, YWCA, Toora and the domestic and family violence refuges (Beryl and Doris) as a part of their accommodation support.

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