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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA : To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

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Hearing Date: 19 July 2023

In relation to: Domestic Violence training for ACT public servants

- (1) Can the Minister please provide a breakdown of costs for all domestic violence training provided for ACT public servants? (including online training modules, face-to-face training etc.)
- (2) What is the cost of delivering the new domestic, family and sexual violence training from UNSW's Gendered Violence Research Network (GVRN)?
 - (a) Is this cost offset by the Safer Families Levy?

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) \$2.831 million was committed in 2019-20 over 4 years to deliver the initiative *Training ACT Government frontline workers to respond to family violence*. This included delivery of face-to-face and online training, and the employment of a public servant, at the Senior Officer Grade C level, to manage the initiative. The 4-year funding commitment is broken down as follows:

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	TOTAL
Funding (\$'000)	992	700	572	567	2,831

In 2019-20 and part of 2020-21, this funding was allocated to ACT Government directorates to deliver training to their staff. There is no centrally held data on how much was spent on online training compared with face-to-face training.

Directorates agreed during 2020-21 to centralise funding for the initiative going forward, with the Community Services Directorate to manage the funds for the whole of the ACT Government (except for the allocation to Canberra Health Services).

In 2021-22, \$296,000 was appropriated to Canberra Health Services to deliver the online and face-to-face training program Strengthening Health Responses to Family Violence. \$97,000 was provided to YWCA Canberra and Domestic Violence Crisis Service to deliver online and face-to-face training.

In 2022-23, \$300,000 was appropriated to Canberra Health Services to continue delivery of the online and face-to-face training program Strengthening Health Responses to Family Violence. Also in that year, YWCA Canberra delivered face-to-face training at a cost of approximately \$66,000 and \$42,000 was spent on the development of new online training by UNSW's Gendered Violence Research Network.

No funding is allocated to domestic violence training for ACT public servants in the 2023-24 financial year.

- (2) The training cost was \$42,000. The funding to UNSW's Gendered Violence Research Network was from the 2019-20 initiative over 4 years *Training ACT Government frontline workers to respond to family violence*, which was partially offset by the Safer Families Levy.

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Signature:



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By the Acting Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Rachel Stephen-Smith
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