



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Marisa Paterson MLA

Reference: Safer Families Levy (CSD)/Community Services Directorate

Hearing: 10 February 2025

In relation to: Safer Families Levy (CSD)

Question received: 18 February 2025

Answer Due: 25 February 2025

Would you please provide a breakdown of annual funding by Output (with program description) for the current and future Safer Families Levy?

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

A breakdown of Budget initiatives that received funding offset by the Safer Families Levy is at Table H.2 in the 2024-25 Budget Outlook. Please note that the total investment allocated across all these initiatives in 2024-25 is \$16.146 million and the partial Safer Families Levy offset for all these initiatives in 2024-25 is \$9.535 million.

A program description of each of the Budget initiatives in Table H.2 is provided below.

#	Title of Budget Initiative in Table H.2	Description
1	More support for families and inclusion - Delivering the Family Safety Hub	This funding is used to deliver innovative pilot projects in the ACT. Future funding is yet to be allocated.
2	Safer Families – Additional resources for the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre	Additional funding to support Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC) to deliver therapeutic counselling and supports for victim-survivors of sexual violence.
3	Safer Families – Additional resources for the Domestic Violence Crisis Service	Additional funding to support Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS).

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4	Safer Families – Enhancing access to justice for non-English speakers	To support equitable access to justice for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, through provision of translating and interpreting services for the ACT Law Courts and Tribunal and specialist DFV services.
5	Safer Families – Support for women and children to leave violence	Provides grants for women and children leaving violence.
6	Safer Families – Strengthening Sexual Assault Prevention and Response	Funding for remuneration for people with lived experience. It supports centring victim-survivor perspectives under the Strengthening Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program of work.
7	Safer Families – Critical domestic and family violence support in health and community settings	The Health Justice Partnership program provides free legal support in family service settings.
8	Safer Families – Safer Families Collaboration Program	A partnership between Child and Youth Protection Service (CYPS) and the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) to improve responses to children and young people and their families experiencing DFV in the context of child protection services.
9	Safer Families – Frontline Domestic violence and rape crisis services	This funding began in the 2021-22 Budget during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide additional support for frontline DFSV services.
10	Safer Families – Women's Safety Grants	Organisational grants for projects that aim to improve the health, wellbeing and safety of ACT women and gender diverse people who identify as female.
11	Safer Families – Implementing community-led family violence responses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities	This funding contributes to the following programs: • Yhurwan Bullan women's outreach program supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women impacted by family, domestic and sexual violence. • Sisters in Spirit Aboriginal Corporation women's advocacy program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait

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		Islander women impacted by domestic, family and sexual violence. • Yeddung Mura (Good Pathways) Aboriginal Corporation domestic and family violence program providing interventions to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at risk of or who have used family violence and supports for women and children impacted by family violence. • Beryl Specialist Case Management Program providing trauma informed and culturally responsive outreach support, with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.
12	Safer Families – Family Violence Safety Action Program	Family Violence Safety Action Program, which provides a dedicated response to high-risk situations of domestic and family violence.
13	Safer Families – Health Justice Partnership	Health Justice Partnership program (as described in item 7).
14	Safer Families – Continuing the delivery of the Room4Change program	Men's Residential Behaviour Change Program delivered by DVCS.
15	Safer Families – Further Investment into frontline domestic, family and sexual violence services ⁱ	Additional funding to deliver frontline domestic, family and sexual violence services including services provided by: • Domestic Violence Crisis Service • Canberra Rape Crisis Centre • Doris Women's Refuge Incorporated • YWCA Canberra domestic violence support service • Multicultural Hub Canberra women's service • Toora Women Incorporated. This item also includes some funding for review of frontline services.

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16	Safer Families – Investing in frontline domestic and family violence services	Increased investment in frontline domestic and family violence services in the ACT including: • Family Violence Safety Action Program (as described at item 12) • Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) Case Management and crisis service programs • Court Navigator program – a partnership between DVCS and Legal Aid ACT providing support to victim-survivors seeking family violence orders at the ACT Magistrates Court • Evaluation of Yerrabi Yurwang Aboriginal Corporation's Nara-Gana-Wali Strengthening Families program which supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women impacted by domestic and family violence • Beryl Specialist Case Management program (as described at item 11) • YWCA Canberra Domestic Violence Support Service • EveryMan behaviour change programs for men who use violence.
17	Safer Families – Continuation of the Domestic and Family Violence Review	Continuation of the ACT Family Violence Death Review, which helps to prevent future deaths by looking closely at domestic and family violence related deaths and identifying patterns to inform system responses.
18	Safer Families – Responding to Coercive control	Investment to increase understanding and improve responses to this type of domestic violence. The package will provide training to frontline agencies, such as ACT Policing and the Courts, on identifying and responding to coercive control. It will fund a public education campaign about coercive control.
19	Safer Families – Domestic and Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme	Program to develop and deliver a centralised whole-of-system training package for information sharing entities to build the necessary capability to understand and implement the scheme.

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20	Safer Families Levy – Future initiatives	This funding is an estimate of funds not yet assigned to initiatives. This amount may change based on the actual amount collected through the Levy in each financial year.
21	Safer Families – Integrated Family Safety Information Sharing and Risk Assessment	Funding reprofiled to support implementation of the <i>Domestic Violence Agencies (Information Sharing) Amendment Act 2024</i> .

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

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