



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert:

Reference: Hearing on 15 November 2023, Annual Report of Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Family Violence Safety Action Program and Perpetrator Response Advisor

- (1) What are the roles and responsibilities of the Perpetrator Response Advisor?
- (2) Apart from providing funding, what other supports are provided by the ACT Government for the Family Violence Safety Action Program?
- (3) Can the Government please provide an update on the Family Violence Safety Action Program, including any key findings.

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

- (1) The Perpetrator Response Advisor, within the Family Violence Safety Action Program, provides domestic and family violence-informed case coordination in relation to high-risk perpetrators. This position works closely with community and government stakeholders to coordinate information-sharing, assess risk and to implement responses to perpetrators to enhance safety for victim-survivors, including children and young people.
- (2) The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Office engages closely Family Violence Safety Action Program team to monitor delivery, understand trends and to help resolve issues when required.
- (3) The Family Violence Safety Action Program (FVSAP) has experienced consistent growth in demand for its services since establishment in 2020. This is reflected in increased referrals to the program by government agencies, community stakeholders and ACT Policing, who seek a coordinated approach to identifying, assessing and responding to high-risk family violence matters. In 2022-23, FVSAP engaged with 274 matters, involving 315 children and young people.

Working together, FVSAP partners are improving the safety of victim-survivors by:

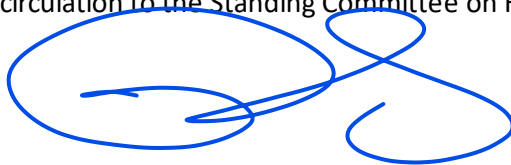
- Collecting and sharing information to identify and assess the risk of harm that a perpetrator poses to victim-survivors, including children and young people.

- Improving perpetrator visibility and accountability in government and non-government responses to domestic and family violence.
- Increasing service accountability to victim-survivors through increased service collaboration, action planning and service delivery.
- Improving understanding across government and non-government agencies of domestic and family violence.

Further information about the FVSAP is available at page 62-64 of the Human Rights Commission's 2022-23 Annual Report.

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

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Date:

30/11/23

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