



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mrs Deborah Morris MLA

Addressed to: Alisa Borwick, Executive Group Manager, Housing Assistance

In relation to: Safer Families Grant Funding

Hearing: 11 February 2025

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Answer Due: 21 February 2025 5.00 pm

Alisa Borwick took on notice the following question(s):

MS MORRIS: I had some follow up questions on the Safer Families grant which was raised in the committee yesterday. How many grants have been provided since the 23 24 financial year?

Ms Borwick: Thank you. So in the 23-24 financial year, 205 Safer Family grants were issued. In 24 25 there has been 181 successful applications.

MS MORRIS: Okay, thank you. And what is the funding allocation in the current financial year?

Ms Borwick: 363,000.

MS MORRIS: That is the total funding allocation for this financial year?

Ms Borwick: Yes.

MS MORRIS: So in that case does that mean that the allocation has been exhausted?

Ms Borwick: Yes. So when applicants come in looking for supports, we will talk to them about it and refer them to a number of other programs such as Escaping the Violence payment, crisis payment for extreme circumstances, and Family and Domestic Violence and Services Australia, Safe in the Home which is auspice by the Salvation Army, as well as Family and Domestic Violence financial assistance offered by the Australian Red Cross. There are a number of other support programs to refer people to.

MS MORRIS: The evidence we received yesterday, we were advised that the program had expanded in the 23-24 financial year, so was that just a one off expansion then in that case?

Ms Borwick: It did expand from 2023. The appropriation was \$223,000 and as I mentioned it was 363,000 this financial year and that would be the expansion.

MS MORRIS: And when did that funding exhaust?

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Ms Borwick: I think it was—it would have been late January or early February I think but I would have take to take that on notice exactly unless Ms West has an answer.

Ms West: Take it on notice.

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

The Safer Families Assistance Program comes under the portfolio responsibility of Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence. It is administered by Housing Assistance. The last application under this program was approved in December 2024.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

By the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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