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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

QoN No - 59

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

Ref: Safer Families, Budget paper G, p 4

In relation to: the integrated domestic and family violence risk assessment model

1. What is the current status of the integrated domestic and family violence risk assessment model that is being designed and tested?
 - a. When is the expected completion date of the model?
 - b. When is the model expected to be ready for testing?
2. What is the current status of the case tracking and coordination pilot that forms part of the model?
 - a. What is the start date of the pilot and for how long will it operate?
 - b. How many cases will be used for tracking and coordination under the pilot?
 - c. How will case tracking and coordination be conducted differently in the pilot, compared to how cases are currently managed? What issues are hoping to be addressed in the pilot?

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1a) The Family Violence Safety Action Pilot has been funded under the Commonwealth Government's National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses and the ACT Safer Families Levy. The pilot is funded until June 2022 where future responses will be determined by evaluation of the pilot and budget priorities and decisions.
- 1b) The model has been operational since November 2020.
- 2a) The model has been operational since November 2020 and has been funded until June 2022.
- 2b) From the start of the pilot to June 2021, the pilot received 98 official referrals for high-risk families and individuals into the pilot and provided support to other agencies in regard to an additional 31 cases.

Of the 98 referrals, 70 high risk families or individuals were received into the pilot for case management or case coordination. For the remaining 28 referrals, the pilot provided intensive case management and support to an existing service in relation to supporting clients and navigating the support or legal system.

- 2c) There is no similar model in the ACT that identifies and coordinates responses for high risk domestic and family violence cases in the ACT. The Family Violence Intervention Program (FVIP) tracks cases as they proceed through the criminal justice system to identify any barriers and monitor progress through the criminal justice system.

The pilot identifies high risk cases that may or may not be in the criminal justice system and identifies and responds to the needs of those individuals or families through integrated information sharing and the provision of case coordination and case management.

The pilot addresses the need for a common and integrated approach to information sharing and coordination to both identify and respond to high risk domestic and family violence matters including focussing on and providing responses to the perpetrators of violence.

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Signature:



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