



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: Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Training

(1) Page 75 of the Annual Reports state that domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV) training has been delivered to both government staff and non-government organisations. Which non-government organisations has the ACT Government provided such training for?

(a) How many government staff have received DFSV training and how many non-government workers have received training?

(b) What is the total cost of providing DFSV training for ACT Public Service staff? And what is the total cost for providing training to nongovernment organisations?

(c) The Annual Reports state that future training will expand to cover sexual violence as well as DFV. Does this mean that to date, the training provided does not include training in relation to sexual violence? If not, when is the training expected to be expanded to include it?

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

(1) The ACT Government has funded the following organisations to undertake training in domestic, family and sexual violence:

- Yedding Mura (Good Pathways)
- Multicultural Hub
- Water Wombats
- Canberra Police Community Youth Club
- Whispers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Softball Corporation
- Racial and Religious Discrimination Legal Service
- Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS)
- Clybucca Dreaming
- Everyman

- Karralika
- Legal Aid
- Beryl Women
- Menslink
- Helping ACT
- Catholic Care Canberra Goulburn
- Doris Women's Refuge
- CARE
- Women's Legal Centre

Additionally, the ACT Government funded Care Inc to deliver financial abuse training in the 2022-23 to sector workers. Funding was also provided to WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention Association in 2022-23 to deliver training to sector workers on how to respond to people who live with disability and experience domestic, family and sexual violence.

(1)(a) In 2022-23, over 11,400 domestic and family violence e-learn modules were completed by ACT government staff.

The number of non-government staff who have received training is not available.

(1)(b) In 2022-23 the ACT Government expended \$42,000 on e-learn training for ACT Public Service staff.

In the 2022-23 financial year the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Office administered funding to 18 community sector organisations to undertake specialist training in DFSV. The total amount of funding allocated to these organisations to deliver training was \$262,700.

The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Office is unable to advise on the total cost of providing domestic, family and sexual violence training to all ACTPS staff, as different parts of government provide this kind of training to staff as part of core learning. This could include child protection workers, health workers, Police and Corrective Services workers etc.

(1)(c) Between 2019 and 2023, ACT Government domestic and family violence training focused solely on domestic and family violence. In 2022-23, the ACT Government engaged the Gendered Violence Research Network at the University of New South Wales to develop refreshed e-learn modules for ACT Government staff in understanding and responding to people's experiences of domestic, family and sexual violence. The new modules include content about sexual violence in the context of domestic and family violence as well as in other contexts.

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