



## 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: Independent Sexual Violence Advisors

1. \$1.5m will be allocated over 4 years to appoint an establish the role of Independent Sexual Violence Advisors in the ACT. How many advisers will be appointed? Will they be all full-time employment?
  - a) Can the ACT Government please provide a breakdown of cost for this funding?
  - b) What does their role involve?

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

1. There will be 2 Independent Sexual Violence Advisors recruited in the 2023-24 financial year and an additional 1 recruited in 2024-25. These are full-time roles.

(a) The Independent Sexual Violence Advisors will be employed at the level Senior Officer Grade C. Funding breakdown as follows:

Year	Position Level	Total Salary (with oncosts)
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2 x Senior Officer Grade C</b>	\$333,698
<b>2024-24</b>	<b>3 x Senior Officer Grade C</b>	\$516,786
<b>2025-26</b>	<b>3 x Senior Officer Grade C</b>	\$533,883
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,384,367</b>

(b) The role of the Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) is to assist victim-survivors of sexual violence by identifying and assessing their needs, helping victim-survivors to navigate the service system, and working with services to coordinate their support to reduce trauma for victim-survivors. The long-term roles of ISVAs will be iteratively refined as the MDC is developed.

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

Signature:

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Date: 30/11/23

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