



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Deborah Morris MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence

Reference: Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence/Health and Community Services Directorate

Hearing: 11 November 2025

In relation to: Safer Families Assistance Grants and Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Question received: 17 November 2025

Answer Due: 26 November 2025

Referring to the 285 grants issued under the Safer Families Assistance Program.

1. How are recipients of the grant referred to the program?
2. How many individuals were in receipt of the grants?
3. How many are referred to the grant by ACT Policing?
4. How effective are the grants in reducing repeat callouts of Police to victim survivors in receipt of the grant?

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Individuals can be referred to the Safer Families Assistance grants program (the grants program) by General Practitioners, doctors and other medical professionals, police officers, Child and Youth Protection officers, social workers or employees of housing and homelessness organisations, or any other community organisation.

Information on how to access to the grants program is available at
<https://www.act.gov.au/community/domestic-family-and-sexual-violence/apply-for-financial-support-after-domestic-and-family-violence>

2. 286 grants were provided to individuals in 2024-2025.
3. The information requires a manual count and could not be compiled in the timeframe.

4. The Safer Families Assistance grants program provides financial support of up to \$2,000 to victim-survivors who have experience domestic and family violence to establish or maintain a home. The grants program is intended to provide material assistance to victim-survivors. It is not intended to have a direct impact on police callouts.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature: 

Date: 26/11/25

By the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, Dr Marisa Paterson