



SELECT COMMITTEE ON COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair)
Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by PATERSON on 12 April 2023: Jennifer Kirkaldy took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

DR PATERSON: Sorry, you mentioned a program in a Victoria. What did you call it, MARAM?

Ms Kirkaldy: MARAM, M-A-R-A-M, and we can provide more information on that if that would be helpful.

Salvation Army: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

To ensure victim-survivors are met with an appropriate response on first disclosure it is important that services adopt consistent approaches in all risk assessment and management framework.

The development of the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVISS) and the Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework (MARAM) in Victoria, which importantly is supported by a suite of policies, practice tools, training, legislation, and formal reviews, aims to change both the practice and culture around how professionals and organisations respond to family violence.

The MARAM requires organisations that are authorised through regulations, as well as organisations providing funded services relevant to family violence risk assessment and management, to align their policies, procedures, practice guidance and tools to the MARAM framework.

An important feature of MARAM is that it applies an intersectional lens to support diversity and inclusion in family violence practice. The Salvation Army views the MARAM as an example of current best practice and we have embedded it nationwide in our family violence services to ensure consistency in practice within family and domestic violence policies and procedures.

The Salvation Army recommends that all states and territories adopt a MARAM to ensure services are effectively identifying, assessing, and managing family violence risk.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Cost of Living Pressures in the ACT.

Signature: 

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