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

QoN No - 61

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; Budget Outlook p 156

In relation to: the Family Violence Safety Action Pilot (FVSAP)

1. For each year since the creation of the FVSAP in the ACT, can the Minister please provide a complete breakdown of costs?
2. How many high-risk families identified in the following demographics have been supported by the FVSAP in the ACT, and what was the nature of support provided?
 - a. New parents
 - b. Expecting parents
 - c. Single mothers
 - d. Single fathers
 - e. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 - f. Culturally and linguistically diverse
 - g. LGBTIQ+
3. How many high-risk individuals identified in the following demographics have been supported by the FVSAP in the ACT, and what was the nature of support provided?
 - a. Pregnant women
 - b. Women escaping domestic violence
 - c. Men escaping domestic violence
 - d. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
 - e. Culturally and linguistically diverse
 - f. LGBTIQ+

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

1. The Safety Action Pilot was funded \$615,000 under the 2020 Commonwealth Government's National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses. This funding provided for establishment costs, a Pilot Coordinator, an assistant Coordinator and two case managers (contracted with DVCS). An additional \$249,000 was provided under the ACT Government 2021 Safer Families Levy which provided a third case manager and administrative support for the pilot to manage increased demand for high-risk families.

2. 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 these families there are 180 children associated.

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.

In regard to specific demographic detail requested:

- a. This information is not recorded
 - b. This information is not recorded
 - c. This information is not recorded
 - d. This information is not recorded
 - e. Families are not separated out by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status.
 - f. Families are not separated out by culturally and linguistically diverse status, children are counted but not their cultural identity.
 - g. Families are not separated out by LGBTIQ+ status
3. Information on support provided to individuals is provided in response to question 2. In regard to the specific demographic detail requested:
 - a. This information is not recorded
 - b. This information is not recorded
 - c. This information is not recorded
 - d. 10%
 - e. 14%
 - f. 2%

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

Signature:



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