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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

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

Reference: Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Budget Outlook 2024-25 p. 340, 342

Hearing Date: 23/07/2024

In relation to: Community Services Directorate and Breakdown of funding for frontline domestic, family and sexual violence services in the ACT

QON lodgement Date: 25/07/2024

Answer Due date: 01/08/2024

(1) What is the difference between the following Safer Family levy funded initiatives listed in Table H.2 of the 2024-25 Budget Outlook (p.340):

- (a) Safer Families - Further Investment into frontline domestic, family and sexual violence services for a total of \$6.16m;
- (b) Safer Families - Investing in frontline domestic and family violence services for a total of \$7.815m?

(2) What is the difference between the following complimentary initiatives listed in Table H.3 of the 2024-25 Budget Outlook (p.342):

- (a) Safer Families - Further Investment into frontline domestic, family and sexual violence services for a total of \$316k;
- (b) Supporting frontline responses to sexual violence for a total of \$2.593m?

(3) Can the Minister please provide a funding breakdown for the four initiatives abovementioned in questions 1 and 2?

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

Table H.2 provides an overview of initiatives that are partially offset by the Safer Families Levy. Table H.3 details initiatives that are not offset by the Safer Families Levy. For some initiatives, there may be components that are offset by the Safer Families Levy, and other components that are not. In these instances, initiatives can appear in both tables.

1 (a) 'Safer Families - Further Investment into frontline domestic, family and sexual violence services' is an initiative that commenced in the 2023-24 Budget to invest in frontline domestic,

family and sexual violence services. Funding for these organisations from 2024-25 in this initiative is as follows:

- \$0.312 for Doris Women's Refuge Children's Worker role
- \$1.013 million for Toora Women Inc.'s Ascend Rental Subsidy Scheme
- \$1.050 million for the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC)
- \$1.601 million for Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS)
- \$0.709 million YWCA Canberra's Domestic Violence Support Service
- \$0.867 million for Queanbeyan Multicultural Women's Service
- \$0.408 million to expand capacity of the Safer Families Assistance Program, and
- \$0.200 million to support systems improvement.

1 (b) 'Safer Families – Investing in frontline domestic and family violence services' is a 2024-25 Budget initiative of \$7.815 million over 3 years which funds:

- \$2.241 million for DVCS to increase capacity and establish a new case management program for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence
- \$1.46 million to continue the Court Navigator Program, including \$0.536 million for DVCS and \$0.923 million for Legal Aid
- \$0.564 million in 2024-25 for Victim Support ACT to increase the capacity of the Family Violence Safety Action Program
- \$0.995 million to further expand YWCA Canberra's Domestic Violence Support Service
- \$0.742 for Beryl Women Inc. to establish a Specialist Case Management Program
- \$1.663 for EveryMan Australia to expand their violence prevention program for men who use violence, and
- \$0.150 million to conduct an evaluation of a program delivered by an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation.

Detailed information is available in the published [2024-25 ACT Government Budget: Addressing Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Fact Sheet](#).

2 (a) The Safer Families - Further Investment into frontline domestic, family and sexual violence services initiative outlined in Table H.3 is part of a 2023-24 Budget Initiative (as outlined in response to 1a). The \$0.316 million supports staffing to administer and oversee the initiatives outlined in response to Question 1a. The \$0.316 million appears in Table H.3 because that component of the initiative is not offset by the Safer Families Levy.

2 (b) 'Supporting frontline responses to sexual violence' is a 2024-25 Budget initiative of \$2.593 million over 3 years to fund:

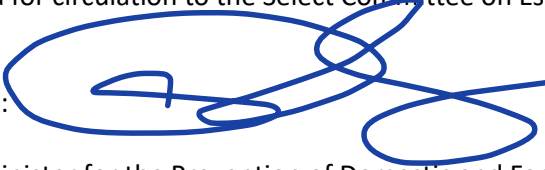
- \$2.363 million over 3 years for Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC) including funding to increase its capacity.
- \$0.230 million to fund the development of a First Nations Complex Trauma Recovery Model to build capability to deliver culturally safe, specialised sexual violence support services responsive to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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(3) See response to questions 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2024-2025

Signature:

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Date:

9/08/24

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