



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

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

Reference: Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

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In relation to: Safer Families Levy

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Answer Due: 13 August 2026

The 2026-27 ACT Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Factsheet indicates that over the next four years, the Safer Families Levy is set to increase by 40% to Canberra households.

1. What is the reason for the 40% increase to households over the next four years?
2. How is the domestic violence sector currently funded?
 - a. What percentage of funding comes from government consolidated revenue?
 - b. What percentage of funding is obtained from Canberra households through the Safer Families Levy?
 - c. What percentage of funding is obtained through other sources (such as reprofiled funds or Commonwealth funding?)
3. Does the government intend to rebalance its funding model for the sector, so that government consolidated revenue accounts for a greater portion of total sector funding?
4. Does the government intend to increase the cost of the levy to households each year to 2036 (across the life of the 10-year Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence strategy)?
5. What percentage of the Safer Families Levy funding is allocated to:
 - a. government provided frontline services; and
 - b. community-led frontline services?

6. How has the government implemented the Auditor-General's recommendation to “establish clear and easily accessible communication products that regularly update the community on initiatives funded through the levy, including their purpose and intended outcomes?”
 - a. Where is this reporting made available?
 - b. How often does this reporting take place?

Ms Caitlin Tough MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

1. The Safer Families Levy (the Levy) contribution per household will increase from \$60 in 2025-26 to \$85 in 2029-30. Increases to the levy are considered in response to funding requirements across the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) landscape. The increase in revenue will enable the government to continue investments to address DFSV alongside significant additional investment from consolidated revenue.
2. The ACT’s total investment in the frontline DFSV sector to respond to DFSV is \$133.5 million over the next 4 years from 2026-27.
 - a. \$59.4 million (44%) is funded by ACT Government consolidated revenue.
 - b. \$63.0 million (47%) is funded by the Safer Families Levy (Levy).
 - c. \$225,000 (<1%) is funded by previous commitments that have been reprofiled to meet priorities.
 - d. The remaining \$11.0 million (8%) is funded by the Federation Funding Agreement on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-30.
3. The government will continue to allocate the Safer Families Levy funding in alignment with the Levy Principles with any changes to the proportion of consolidated revenue funding subject to future Budget decisions.
4. The ACT Government considers Levy setting in response to funding requirements across the DFSV landscape. Any decision to adjust the Safer Families Levy beyond the \$85 expected in the 2029-30 financial year is yet to be considered by government.
5. Approximately \$63.0 million (70%) of the total represented in Table H.2 is offset by the Safer Families Levy. Of the total \$89.7 million represented in Table H.2, \$11.3 million (13%) is allocated to government provided frontline services (Safer Families Assistance Program run by Housing ACT as well as FVSAP and Wraparound programs run by Victim Support ACT), and the remaining \$78.4 million (87%) is allocated to community-led frontline services.
6. The government committed to releasing a comprehensive annual Budget factsheet from 2025-26 which clearly outlines the ACT Government’s investment in preventing and responding to DFSV with a focus on breaking down funding for frontline services. ACT Government has delivered on this commitment to provide a comprehensive annual overview to accompany Appendix H of the Budget Outlook.

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- a. The reporting is made available on the ACT Government website.
- b. Reporting through the Budget factsheet is released annually to align with the release of the Budget Outlook.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature:



Date:



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