



## Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

### **Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023** **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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Asked by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on 15 November 2023: Ms Bogiatzis took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Grants Program funding

**Ms Bogiatzis:** Thank you for the question. The Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Grants Program comprised \$2.075 million, which came from the National Partnership Agreement funding. We also added supplementary funding to that process through the ACT government's Safer Families initiatives.

Broadly, this funding was allocated to support sector training and capability building; consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to inform community-led responses to sexual assault; and enhancing responses to domestic, family and sexual violence generally. We also provided up to \$25,000 to family, domestic and sexual violence recipients to support capability building and training activities. This targeted investment was part of broader work to enhance the capability of the ACT's domestic, family and sexual violence sector.

In relation to how the grants were administered, initially, when we received the National Partnership Agreement funding, the ACT government, ourselves, engaged closely with stakeholders and allied sectors to understand how funding could be used most effectively in the ACT. This included engagement with the ACT's domestic and family violence roundtable, which is a broad group of stakeholders across the sector. This informed the identification of key gaps and priorities in the ACT's services system.

We also, uniquely in this process, worked closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in this space, including the Domestic Violence Prevention Council reference group, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group, to identify priorities for the grants program. As a result, they helped us identify those priorities, which were: sector sustainability and capability building, specifically for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services but also for mainstream and specialist services; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family, domestic and social violence responses; and innovative service responses, with a focus on children and young people.

We then conducted an open grants process and received a number of applications. The majority of the panel members assessing those grant applications were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

women, and they made recommendations on the allocation of funding to the delegate. That is how we administered that process.

**MR PETERSSON:** Wonderful. Thank you.

**MRS KIKKERT:** How much supplementary funding comes from the ACT government for that service?

**Ms Bogiatzis:** Thank you for the question.

**MRS KIKKERT:** You can take it on notice. That is okay.

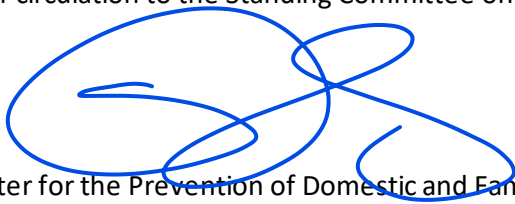
**Ms Bogiatzis:** I will take that question on notice.

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

The ACT Government provided \$797,391 in supplementary funding, increasing the total amount available for the Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Grants Program to \$2.875 million.

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, Ms Yvette Berry MLA