

Prevention of Violence Portfolio

Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the 2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

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1. In relation to the payments to the agencies ANROWS and Our Watch, please indicate the funding made and to be made during the agreement for each agency.	<p>ANROWS Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria signed a new MoU between the Commonwealth and states and territory governments in November 2016 to extend funding to ANROWS from July 2016–June 2020. Under the terms of this MoU, Victoria will provide \$430,00 per year, which equates to a total funding contribution of \$1.7 million over four years. <p>Our Watch – Base Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In April 2014, Victoria announced a commitment of \$3 million in base funding for Our Watch for the period of 2014–15 to 2016–17. The funding for this ended on 30 June 2017. A new three year funding agreement is currently being negotiated from 2017-2018 to 2019-2020. Funding for 2017–18, the first year of this agreement, of \$1.1 million is allocated from the 2016–17 State Budget Initiative 'Reaching all Victorians where they live, work and play'. Funding for the final two years of the new agreement (2018–2019 to 2019–20) includes base funding of \$1.1 million plus indexation each year and has been allocated through the 2017-2018 State Budget Item in BP3 under Prevention – The Prevention of Family Violence Strategy.
2. In relation to the funding of \$21.8 million for respectful relationships in schools in 2016-17, please indicate: a. over what period is the \$21.8 million? b. If it was only in the previous year, what is the funding for 2017-18?	<p>The Royal Commission into Family Violence recommended that educating young people about respectful relationships must be a core part of the government's long-term prevention work.</p> <p>To support the delivery of Respectful Relationships, the 2016-17 State Budget allocates \$21.8 million over two years to implement a holistic approach to Respectful Relationships in schools and early childhood services. The investment allocates \$8.9 million in 2016-17 and \$13 million for expenditure in 2017-18.</p> <p>The recommendation states that the Government should mandate respectful relationships education into every government school in Victoria from prep to year 12. Implementation is to be staged to ensure school readiness and allow for ongoing evaluation and adaptation. It should be delivered through a whole-of-school approach and be consistent with best practice, building on the evaluation of the pilot that was tested in 19 schools by the Department of Education and Training through Our Watch.</p> <p>The \$21.8 million forms part of the \$572 million initial response to the Family Violence Royal Commission in the 2016-17 State Budget. As this program is being conducted by the Department of Education and Training, you may wish to raise this question with the Minister for Education.</p>
3. Of the total family violence response in the budget of a \$1.9 billion package, how many family violence service delivery performance measures are there in the budget papers?	<p>A number of performance measures can be located throughout Budget Paper 3 which relate to the total \$1.9 billion package.</p> <p>In relation to family violence service delivery, the following table lists six performance measures at a total of \$107.5 million (Budget Paper 3, page 267). As the implementation of the whole-of-government family violence package is being led by the Special Minister of State, you may wish to raise this matter with the Minister.</p>

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4. Banyule Council set up an Aboriginal gathering place and a meeting place. The government is trialling a Koori women’s gathering place. Why is this initiative being trialled in the context of the family violence reforms when it would appear the benefits have already been established in the community?	<p>The 2017-18 Budget includes \$1.1 million to trial a new Koori Women’s Gathering Place. The trial aims to break down barriers faced by Aboriginal women in reporting family violence. As this trial falls out of scope of my portfolio, you may wish to refer this question to the Attorney-General.</p>																																																																																																																								

5. In relation to Table 1.4 'Output initiatives – Family violence' (Budget Paper No.3, pp.5-6), please indicate who is responsible for each of the line items.

Table 1.4: Output initiatives – Family Violence						(\$ million)
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Responsible Minister
Building the capacity to deliver family violence services for culturally diverse communities	..	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	Minister for Multicultural Affairs
Courts case management system	..	6.7	5.4	8.1	2.2	Attorney-General
Court Integrated Services Program (CISP) and CISP Remand Outreach Pilot	..	2.6	6.9	7.2	7.2	Attorney-General
Delivering on the Royal Commission into Family Violence recommendations on funding reform	..	22.0	21.3	15.6	13.9	Special Minister of State
Enhanced role for universal service providers	1.9	10.2	13.9	7.8	4.6	Minister for Health
Establishing a family violence coordination agency	..	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	Special Minister of State
Establishing Support and Safety Hubs	..	26.1	66.9	107.1	181.6	Special Minister of State
Family violence industry planning	..	29.2	22.8	22.6	20.9	Special Minister of State
Family violence monitoring and reporting	..	2.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	Special Minister of State
Housing support for family violence victims						
Headleasing	..	2.0	..	..	..	Minister for Housing, Disability & Ageing
Improved crisis accommodation responses	..	15.2	34.0	24.3	9.6	Minister for Housing, Disability & Ageing
Information sharing						
Family violence information sharing – Implementing legislative reform and preparing the sector	..	4.7	2.4	2.7	1.8	Special Minister of State
Family violence information sharing system reform	..	26.0	24.3	..	..	Special Minister of State
Legal responses to family violence and child protection	..	8.2	10.0	15.2	15.2	Attorney-General
More support for Aboriginal Victorians at risk of family violence						
Culturally appropriate family violence legal services for Aboriginal communities	..	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	Attorney-General
Improving prevention, early intervention and diversion in response to family violence in Aboriginal communities	..	0.9	3.1	3.6	3.8	Attorney-General
Koori Women's Gathering Place	..	0.6	0.6	..	..	Attorney-General
Putting Aboriginal Victorians at the centre of family violence reform	..	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Perpetrator accountability						
Changing perpetrator behaviour	..	19.7	25.7	1.8	2.3	Minister for Families and Children
Family violence perpetrator interventions in the justice system	..	3.4	4.5	..	..	Attorney-General
Intensive residential diversion program for Aboriginal male perpetrators of family violence	..	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	Attorney-General
Responding to family violence in the Corrections system	..	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	Minister for Corrections
Restorative justice in the Magistrates' Court	2.0	3.0	4.4	Attorney-General
Planning for a future integrated case management system in Corrections Victoria	..	2.1	..	..	..	Minister for Corrections
Prevention						
Establishing a family violence prevention agency	..	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence
Prevention of family violence strategy	..	15.5	9.1	9.1	5.1	Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence

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6. The budget line for family violence monitoring and reporting (see pages 5 and 9) includes \$2.5 million for 2017-18 and \$5 million per year for the following three years. In terms of a breakdown, what amount is allocated to the Royal Commission Family Violence Monitor, and how will remaining funds be spent?	The Special Minister of State has responsibility for family violence monitoring and reporting on behalf of the Victorian Government. As this matter falls out of scope of my portfolio, you may wish to raise this question to the Special Minister of State.																																																																																																																
7. There are numerous budget lines that could fund reviews of individual initiatives or changes to legislation. Will these reviews be funded by the Family Violence monitoring and reporting budget line or other lines (i.e. Do budget allocations for Establishing Safety and Support Hubs, for example, incorporate all research and evaluation for that specific activity)?	The Special Minister of State has responsibility for family violence monitoring and reporting on behalf of the Victorian Government. As this matter falls out of scope of my portfolio, you may wish to refer this question to the Special Minister of State.																																																																																																																
8. Does funding for whole of population approaches to attitudinal and behavioural change in relation to family violence include budget provisions for research over and above measuring reach? If so, what measures will be employed?	<p>A key priority area of <i>Free from violence: Victoria’s strategy to prevent family violence and all forms of violence against women</i> covers the research, monitoring and evaluation of prevention activity in Victoria, through which prevention reach and impact, in line with the outcomes framework will be tracked over time. This approach will be informed through consultation and co-design with key experts and stakeholders.</p> <p>Since the launch of the State Government's family violence campaign in December 2016, research has and continues to form the next steps of the campaign, to ascertain the success and impact of the campaign in its first six months. This includes assessing how the public's awareness has been raised as a result of the campaign and evaluating the behaviour change component of the campaign. Encouragingly, early findings show that the depiction of family violence is understood by a large portion of participants with the campaign considered as realistic, convincing and appropriately targeted.</p>																																																																																																																