



2017-18 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Hearing

Prevention of Family Violence

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Whole of Government Family Violence investment

- The Government has committed to implement all 227 recommendations made by the landmark Royal Commission into Family Violence
- The 2016-17 Budget allocated **\$572 million** over two years
- The 2017-18 Budget invests a further **\$1.91 billion** over four years
- Included in that investment is **\$50.8 million** for prevention of family violence and prevention of all forms of violence against women related activities

Key initiatives in 2016-17

Prevention projects from 2016-17 State Budget investment underway

- **\$23.0 million** in targeted prevention initiatives to prevent family violence. This includes:
 - **\$3.85 million** for Community Primary Prevention Partnerships;
 - **\$1 million** targeted at prevention initiatives for older people. These initiatives include a campaign targeted to prevent family violence with older people;
 - **\$2 million** for diverse communities.
- **\$21.8 million** for respectful relationships in schools;

Key achievements in 2016-17

A second successful Victoria Against Violence campaign

Approximately 1.1 million Victorians, both directly through attendance at events and webinars and indirectly through social media



**Launched Safe and Strong –
Victoria's Gender Equality Strategy**

Key achievements in 2016-17

Universal Behaviour Change Campaigns

- \$3.75m contributed to the national *Stop it at the Start* campaign
- \$4.5m for the Vic *Respect Women: For our Children's Future*



Key achievements in 2016-17

Released Victoria's Primary Prevention Strategy - *Free from Violence: Victoria's strategy to prevent family violence and all forms of violence against women*

Implements, in part, Royal Commission Recommendation 187, 188



Prevention of Family Violence 17-18 budget investment

- **\$50.8 million** over four years for prevention of family violence and prevention of all forms of violence against women related activities including:
 - **\$12 million** to establish the family violence prevention agency, which will support implementation and coordination of the primary prevention strategy and to ensure future investments are evidence-based and target programs that are proven to be effective.
 - **Setting the architecture for dedicated investment**, as recommended by the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Prevention of Family Violence investment

- **\$38.8 million** for primary prevention initiatives that align with *Free from Violence: Victoria's strategy to prevent family violence and all forms of violence against women including*
 - **\$17.7M** for whole of population approaches to encourage universal attitude and behaviour change, including strategies within Victorian workplaces;
 - **\$7.3M** for trialing innovative and new approaches to prevention;
 - **\$5.85M** for evaluation of outcomes and research to continue to build the evidence base to inform future investments;
 - **\$1.5M** for engaging and communicating with the community
 - **\$6.4M** for programming connected to the Prevention Agency
- The Government will also continue to contribute to the research undertaken by Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety, and Our Watch.