

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 359**

**Asked on Thursday 8 May 2014**

MR RUTHENBERG asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister outline the steps the government is taking to curb the incidence of domestic violence, particularly in the Kallangur and Moreton Bay regions?

### **ANSWER**

Individuals and families living in the Moreton Bay and Kallangur regions who experience domestic and family violence are supported by the Caboolture Regional Domestic Violence Service (CRDVS), which is funded a total of \$852,715 per annum to provide information services, specialist domestic and family violence counselling and court support.

In addition to the valuable information, counselling and court support services provided by CRDVS, funding of \$180,354 per annum has been allocated to the organisation to deliver the Keeping Safe at Home Program, which seeks to support and empower people experiencing domestic and family violence and their children to remain safely in their homes by providing security upgrades to their properties, and assisting them to remain close to family and other support networks.

Specifically in the Redcliffe area, funding of \$77,245 has been allocated to Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Association Inc to deliver domestic violence counselling.

The Partnership Response to Domestic Violence Occurrence program (PRADO)—also delivered by CRDVS—has seen many positive outcomes for clients living in the Moreton Bay region who experience domestic and family violence. Funded \$93,000 per annum by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, PRADO is a collaborative response by the Queensland Police Service, Caboolture Child Safety Service Centre and the Department of Corrective Services that provides support to women and children experiencing domestic violence and assists them to engage with integrated services throughout the Moreton Bay region in order to reduce repeat occurrences.

As the key Government partner in the region delivering domestic and family violence support services, CRDVS leads the local whole-of-government and community stakeholder network—Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence—for the Moreton Bay Regional Council area. The network provides a forum to identify and coordinate appropriate responses to domestic and family violence service gaps across the region.

While local responses are important, the Queensland Government recognises that domestic and family violence is an epidemic impacting people right across Australia. That is why we are working with our Australian, state and territory counterparts to produce the second Action Plan under the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

The Queensland Government remains committed to making Queensland a safer place for victims of domestic and family violence.