

Question on Notice

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Asked on 12 February 2019

MR S BENNETT asked the Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (HON D FARMER)—

QUESTION

With reference to the \$12m over four years from 2018-19 promised by the government to respond to youth sexual violence –

Will the Minister advise (a) how much of this will be spent in each financial year (detailed separately by financial year), (b) when and where the three place-based youth sexual violence trials will be and (c) what service enhancements have been specifically identified and prioritised to be enhanced?

ANSWER

With regard to the details of the \$12 million and its components:

(a) The expected funding breakdown over four years is as follows:

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
TOTAL	670,000	3,300,000	4,015,000	4,015,000	12,000,000

(b) Two place-based trials will commence from July 2019, with the third trial commencing in 2020. The locations for the trials are currently being settled. A staggered approach has been adopted to ensure that project rollout matches available resources and the specifications and requirements for service delivery for each trial are co-developed in consultation with local communities on the basis of strong evidence.

(c) The service enhancements that have been prioritised as part of this funding include:

- enhancing existing sexual assault services to provide more support to young people aged 12 and above who have experienced sexual violence
- enhancing existing youth support services to connect young people with counselling and support available through the sexual assault service
- enhancing or establishing sexual abuse counselling services to provide trauma-informed counselling and support to children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse
- establishing new youth counselling services, focused on early intervention, to provide trauma-informed counselling and support to children and young people exhibiting reactive and/or problematic sexual behaviours.