

Question on Notice

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Asked on 1 May 2019

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations from the Not Now, Not Ever report?

ANSWER

I am pleased to report that as of 23 May 2019, the Queensland Government has completed 100 and commenced work on the remaining 21 of the 121 government-directed recommendations made in the landmark *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* report (Not Now, Not Ever).

We are investing more than \$328.9 million over six years in reforms to shift community attitudes and behaviours, enhance service responses and strengthen justice responses.

Key achievements to date include:

- innovative social marketing campaigns, such as delivery of the Stop the Hurting – End Domestic Violence campaign and the Bystander Campaign
- continuing to implement the Respectful Relationships programs in schools
- establishing the integrated service response trials, incorporating High Risk Teams in Logan/Beenleigh, Mount Isa and Cherbourg, to ensure victims are not falling through the cracks, and that perpetrators are kept in view at all times
- High Risk Teams operating in Brisbane, Ipswich, Cairns, Mackay and Moreton Bay (Caboolture)
- continuing to invest in increasing the network of women's shelters, particularly in areas of greatest need, adding seven new shelters to the service system
- establishing a specialist domestic and family violence court in Southport, and further specialist court approaches operating in Beenleigh and Townsville, with specialist circuit court approaches to Mount Isa and Palm Island
- making significant legislative reforms to improve victim safety and ensure perpetrators are held to account, including affording 'special witness status' for victims during court proceedings; making suffocation, strangulation and choking a stand-alone offence; enabling courts to impose ouster conditions to remove perpetrators from the family home; and the introduction of harsher penalties for breaching domestic violence orders, and
- establishing the Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board.

These achievements have been driven by strong leadership and good collaboration across government and community agencies.

The Government is committed to continuing the implementation of Not Now, Not Ever, which will require sustained action over the duration of the *Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016–2026*.