Question on Notice

No. 676

Asked on 26 May 2021

MS A CAMM ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND MINISTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON S FENTIMAN) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the new National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Response, which the Commonwealth delivered up to \$130m to the states and territories to boost domestic and family violence assistance —

Will the Attorney-General outline (a) the total amount of funding allocated to Queensland, (b) of that, the total amount of funding received, (c) the total amount yet to be received and (d) the total amount contributed by the State Government?

ANSWER:

The National Partnership (NP) on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses commenced in April 2020 to ensure the safety of women and their children, experiencing or at risk of experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The allocation of the \$130 million available to states and territories under the NP was agreed to by the former COAG (Council of Australian Governments) Women's Safety Council and, following new National Cabinet governance arrangements, Women's Safety Ministers.

In response to the Member's questions, I am advised:

- a) The total amount of funding allocated to Queensland was \$25.638 million.
- b) The total amount of funding received was \$25.638 million.
- c) All funding under the NP has been received.
- d) The NP did not require funding contributions from states and territories.

In 2019-2020, the Queensland Government allocated \$7.5 million to help manage the anticipated increase in demand for domestic, family and sexual violence services arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.