

Question on Notice

No. 957

Asked on 22 August 2024

MS A CAMM ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON Y D'ATH)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Audit Office Report, 'Keeping people safe from domestic and family violence' which stated that in 2018-19, government spending on prevention measures accounted for only 4 percent of its overall expenditure on DFV initiatives—

Will the Attorney-General provide an update of what that percentage (government spending on prevention measures as a percentage of the total expenditure on DFV initiatives) was for the 2023-24 financial year?

ANSWER:

Through the Women's Safety and Victims, and Community Support Division of the Department of Justice and Attorney General, for the 2023-24 financial year, the percentage of spending on prevention measures as a percentage of the total expenditure on domestic and family violence (DFV) initiatives was 6 per cent.

However, it should be noted the Miles Government is investing in the Primary Prevention Plan which strengthens and focuses the primary prevention efforts.

The five-year *Plan for the Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women* will aim to prevent violence from occurring in the first place to reduce the number of victim-survivors and the demand on the criminal justice and service system.

Its goal to prevent violence before it starts requires a whole-of-society approach in addressing the systems, structures, norms, attitudes, practices and power imbalances that drive this violence.

To support this work under this plan, the Miles Government has invested \$16 million to:

- Fund community organisations in urban, rural and remote Queensland to lead community education projects focused on building and embedding positive and respectful relationships;
- Fund Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations, to lead initiatives aimed at strengthening the factors that protect against domestic, family and sexual violence.
- Deliver and evaluate a state-wide peer-to-peer program providing training to young people to promote healthier masculinities, building healthy relationship skills and social connections;
- Establish a dedicated primary prevention team to lead and coordinate the plan's implementation;

Implementation activities commenced from 1 July 2024.