

Question on Notice

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Asked 2 April on 2025

MS C MCMILLAN asked the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (HON A CAMM)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise if (a) they have received the interim report on the government's review into DVConnect and (b) if so, when will the report be publicly released?

ANSWER

The number of victims of family and domestic violence skyrocketed over the past ten years and whatever funding was allocated to services was not making an impact.

The Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety delivered the interim report on the statewide domestic, family and sexual violence crisis intake and referral system review on 3 April 2025.

The scope of the report undertaken by the Crisafulli Government focuses on three fundamental areas neglected for ten years, including accountability and transparency, demand in the system and future model.

DVConnect is a critical service operating 24/7. When a person in crisis, or fear for their life and the lives of their children calls for help, the call should be answered - this report examines the reasons why this routinely did not happen over the past ten years.

We are carefully considering the report and cycle of crisis created over the past ten years and will ensure people experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence have a safe, 24-hour, seven day a week intake and referral system in the times they need it most.

Review outcomes will feed directly into delivering the election commitment to double the capacity of Womensline and Mensline and provide a coordination point for the domestic, family and sexual violence crisis response in North Queensland.

The interim report will not be made publicly available as the outcomes and recommendations of the final report will determine future government decisions and reform.