

Question on Notice

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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

With reference to the Yourtown Your Voice report, noting that 82 percent of young people consider domestic, family and sexual violence to be the most urgent issue they face—

Will the Minister advise (a) what initiatives are being delivered to educate young people (primary school, high school and university age) on what domestic violence looks like, (b) how they can report it and (c) what is the government doing to tackle the cognitive and emotional impact domestic, family and sexual violence has on children?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government is committed to addressing domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV), including through a range of prevention activities and ensuring that young people are equipped with the knowledge and support they need to recognise, report, and recover from such experiences. Parts (a) to (c) of this question relate to work being delivered under the portfolios of health, education and youth justice. Specific details in relation to these questions are best directed to the relevant Ministers.

The Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (the department) is directly investing \$13.9 million in local DFSV service systems to:

- promote community awareness and challenge societal acceptance of domestic violence;
- encourage those affected to seek help; and
- provide professional development for agencies to enhance their capacity to respond effectively.

Some of the organisations funded for this service type work in partnership with local schools to deliver educational programs for students and professional development opportunities for teachers and auxiliary support staff.

The department also provides funding of \$9.6 million per annum to services to deliver counselling and support specifically to children and young people to help them manage the impact of DFSV. Additionally, the department allocates \$3.2 million for specialist youth sexual violence and abuse services to improve the social emotional wellbeing of children and young people.

Children and young people can seek support and report domestic violence and sexual violence through services such as DV Connect and Kids Helpline or through teachers and other school staff, health professionals, and local service providers.