



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-2026

Supplementary questions

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Justice and Communities

**Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
(Harrison)**

Hearing: Thursday 21 August 2025

Answers due by: 5.00 pm Wednesday 17 September 2025

+

Budget Estimates secretariat

Phone (02) 9230 2809

BudgetEstimates@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Questions from the Hon Robert Borsak MLC
Women
(1) What meetings or discussions have you had with the Minister for Sport, the Hon. Steve Kamper MP about the issue of trans women participating in women's sports? (a) If so, when were those meetings or discussions held? (b) Who attended those meetings or discussions? (c) What issues were considered at those meetings or discussions? (d) Have meeting dates been set down to further discuss the issue of trans women participating in women's sports?
I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: (1) meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) (2) meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political (3) social or public functions or events (4) meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum) (5) matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Offices' website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)
(2) What meetings or discussions have you had with the officials from Women NSW about the issue of trans women participating in women's sports? (a) If so, when were those meetings or discussions held? (b) Who attended those meetings or discussions? (c) What issues were considered at those meetings or discussions? (d) Have meeting dates been set down to further discuss the issue of trans women participating in women's sports?
I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: (1) meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) (2) meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political (3) social or public functions or events (4) meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum) (5) matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Offices' website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)
(3) Have you or your office received complaints about trans women participating in women's sports? (a) If so, how many?

(b) If so, what issues were raised in the complaints?
(c) If so, what was the response provided to the
NO
(4) Has Women NSW received complaints about trans women participating in women's sports?
(a) If so, how many?
(b) If so, what issues were raised in the complaints?
(c) If so, what was the response provided to the complaints?
NO
Questions from the Opposition
Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
(5) During your Estimates hearing you were asked about the issues facing rural and regional pregnant women and the closure of birthing services and stated that you had met with the advocacy group Bush Babies. When did you meet with Bush Babies and what was discussed?
(a) What steps are you taking to advance a whole-of-government response for the needs of regional mothers?
I met with Her Herd, one of the organisations behind the Bush Babies campaign, in March 2025. We discussed maternity care, with a focus on the barriers in regional and rural NSW.
Women NSW is in regular contact with the Ministry of Health on progress of their objectives to address the barriers pregnant women in rural and regional areas experience and provides this advice to my office.
(6) What is the total budget for Women NSW?
I am advised: The total budget for Women NSW for the 2025-26 financial year is \$11.3 million.
(7) How many FTE positions are funded in Women NSW?
(a) Are all positions filled?
I am advised: 27 FTE positions are funded in Women NSW.
(a) Yes.
(8) How much has been allocated for the Companion Card program?
I am advised:
In 2025/26 \$900,000 has been allocated for the Companion Card program.
(9) How many people currently access the Companion Card?
I am advised:
There are more than 65,000 cardholders in NSW.
(10) How many organisations applied for Core and Cluster EOI Tranches 1, 2, and 3?
(a) Of these, how many were Aboriginal Controlled Organisations?
(b) Of these, how many were represented multi-cultural communities?
(c) Did any organisations seek to lease, purchase or refurbish government sites as part of the Core and Cluster?
(d) If so, which ones?
I am advised:
105 organisations applied at the Core and Cluster EOI stages across Tranches 1, 2 and 3. (a) 30 of these were Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations. (b) Multi-cultural organisations were not targeted specifically as part of the procurement processes and submissions were identified in the general stream of procurement. (c) Of the 49 awarded projects, 3 sites have been purchased from NSW Government and 4 sites are leased from NSW Government (Home NSW).

(11) Are any Core and Cluster properties government owned?
I am advised: Of the 49 Core and Cluster projects, four are on NSW Government owned sites and are leased to a Community Housing Provider to be used for Core and Cluster. In addition to the 49 projects, the NSW Government is replacing 8 existing government owned women's refuges with the Core and Cluster model and all 8 sites are government owned.
(12) What is the progress of each core and cluster project, including: (a) Where is it located by LGA? (b) When was the contract signed? (c) When did construction commence? (d) When was construction completed or due to be completed? (e) When were the first clients accepted to be accepted into the property? (f) How many women/children will it accommodate? (g) How many women are currently being supported? (h) How many will be built using modular construction?
I am advised: (a) A list of LGAs where the 49 Core and Cluster projects are located is on the DCJ website at: https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/children-and-families/family-domestic-and-sexual-violence/support-programs/core-and-cluster-program.html (b) On average, Core and Cluster capital contracts were signed between 3-6 months after the procurement for each tranche was completed. (c&d) 23 of the 49 projects have engaged builders or have commenced construction; 6 projects have lodged a DA and 8 are preparing to lodge a DA. The majority of these projects are scheduled to be completed in 2026. (e,f & g) There are currently 10 Core and Cluster refuges operational and 2 preparing to commence service delivery. The first refuge opened in December 2022. Statistics as of May 2025 from the operational refuges indicate: 248 clients were accommodated in the first 3 quarters of 2024/25. An additional 166 clients were supported (e.g. referrals and outreach support). Based on this, it is projected that once all refuges are open it is estimated that more than 2,900 women and children will be accommodated. (h) 5 of the new refuges will be built using modular construction.
(13) Are new Core and Cluster refuges that have not previously operated specialist domestic and family violence services required to meet the Domestic Violence NSW Good Practice Guidelines? (a) If so, how is this being monitored or implemented?
I am advised: All Core and Cluster service providers have demonstrated experience and capabilities to deliver specialist domestic and family violence crisis accommodation services. Under Core and Cluster service delivery contracts providers are expected to apply and maintain appropriate industry and professional standards relating to good practice in casework. It is the responsibility of providers to ensure their staff are aware of, and incorporate evidence and knowledge relating to practice with women and children impacted by DFV within their service delivery. Providers are also required to achieve accreditation as set out in the SHS Program Specifications. Accountability and continuous improvement are embedded into service delivery with mechanisms in place for ongoing monitoring, review and reporting through DCJ's contract management framework.
(14) Have Core and Cluster refuges undergone a process to show compliance with the Domestic Violence NSW Good Practice Guidelines?

(a) If not, why not?
I am advised: See response to question 13.
(15) What training has been provided to Core and Cluster refuges to ensure they operate in compliance with Domestic Violence NSW Good Practice Guidelines?
I am advised: See response to question 13.
(16) What is the budget for the Specialist Workers for Children and Young People program budget for: (a) 2023-24? (b) 2024-25? (c) 25-26?
I am advised: (a) 2023/24: \$6.55m (b) 2024/25: \$11.58m (c) 2025/26: \$11.8m
(17) In which LGAs does the Specialist Workers for Children and Young People program operate?
I am advised: The SWCYP program operates in the following 80 LGAs: Armidale Ballina Bathurst Bega Valley Bellingen Blacktown Bland Blayney Blue Mountains Bogan Bourke Brewarrina Broken Hill Burwood Byron Cabonne Camden Campbelltown Canada Bay Canterbury-Bankstown Carrathool Central Coast Council Central Darling Clarence Valley Cobar Coffs Harbour Coolamon Coonamble Cootamundra Cowra Cumberland Dubbo

Eurobodalla
 Fairfield
 Forbes
 Gilgandra
 Griffith
 Gundagai
 Gunnedah
 Hawkesbury
 Hay
 Hilltops
 Inner West
 Junee
 Kempsey
 Kiama
 Kyogle
 Lachlan
 Leeton
 Lismore
 Liverpool
 Lockhart
 Murrumbidgee
 Nambucca Valley
 Narrabri
 Narrandera
 Narromine
 Newcastle
 Oberon
 Orange
 Parkes
 Parramatta
 Penrith
 Richmond Valley
 Shellharbour
 Snowy Valleys
 Strathfield
 Sydney
 Temora
 The Hills Shire
 Tweed
 Uralla
 Wagga Wagga
 Walcha
 Walgett
 Warren
 Warrumbungle Shire
 Weddin
 Wollondilly
 Wollongong

(18) How many Specialist Workers for Children and Young People are employed during 2023-24?

(a) Provide breakdown by LGA?
I am advised: In 2023/24 the program funded more than 45 workers at any one time across more than 22 women's refuges. Services support multiple LGAs and worker numbers fluctuate throughout the year.
(19) How many Specialist Workers for Children and Young People are employed during 2024-25?
(a) Provide breakdown by LGA?
I am advised: In 2024/25 the program funded more than 55 workers at any one time across more than 32 women's refuges, following expansion of the program. Services support multiple LGAs and worker numbers fluctuate throughout the year.
(20) What is the Domestic Violence Response Enhancement budget for:
(a) 2023-24?
(b) 2024-25?
(c) 2025-26?
I am advised: The DVRE budget for the following years is:
(a) 2023/24: \$11.5m
(b) 2024/25: \$11.9m
(c) 2025/26: \$12.2m
(21) What is the Staying Home Leaving Violence budget for:
(a) 2023-24?
(b) 2024-25?
(c) 2025-26?
I am advised: (a) 2023-24: \$20.03 million
(b) 2024-25: \$25.2 million
(c) 2025-26: \$28.7 million
(22) What is the Integrated Domestic & Family Violence Services budget for:
(a) 2023-24?
(b) 2024-25?
(c) 2025-26?
I am Advised:
(a) 2023-24: \$4.7 million
(b) 2024-25: \$5.8 million
(c) 2025-26: \$8.8 million
(24) When did the Bourke Staying in Community Leaving Violence program commence?
(a) How many clients have been assisted?
I am advised: The Bourke Staying in Community Leaving Violence will be procured with work commencing on localised codesign model in early 2026 with procurement to be completed by the end of the year.
(25) What support is provided to children and young people who witness or are affected by DFSV abuse?
I am advised: The NSW Government delivers a range of initiatives to support children and young people affected by DFSV including:
* The Specialist Workers for Children and Young People program, funding over 55 specialist workers

providing trauma informed support for children and young people accompanying their mother in more than 32 refuges across NSW.

* Funding for children and young people's support workers in 22 Family Support Services to provide child-focussed early supports to children and young people affected by DFV.

* Safe and Strong Families, a trauma-informed early intervention family support service for victim-survivors of DFV and their children, delivered through the Department of Communities and Justice's Targeted Earlier Intervention program delivered across approximately 32 sites in NSW.

* Projects funded under the NSW Sexual Violence Project Fund with a focus on children and young people.

- Funding five new frontline workers specifically to support children and young people, and another four FTE to provide support to children and young people, alongside other priority cohorts.

(26) What legal advice and trauma informed advocacy services are provided to children and young people who witness or are affected by DFSV?

I am advised:

Legal Aid NSW provides legal advice and trauma informed advocacy services to children and young people, many of whom have witnessed or are effected by DFSV, through the following services:

- Independent Children's Lawyers who represent children in family law proceedings;
- Solicitors who represent children in care and protection jurisdiction;
- Your Voice Children's Out of Care Advocacy Service;
- Children's Civil Law Service.

Many of these services employ allied professionals such as case workers and social workers in addition to solicitors to ensure that children and young people have a holistic service and supports.

Legal Aid NSW also has a Children's Legal Service (for people under 18 who are involved in criminal cases in the Children's Courts) and a Youth Hotline for young people with criminal law problems or who are in police custody (operates 9am to midnight weekdays and 24hrs from 9am Friday to midnight Monday).

The Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services are specialist services for women aged 16 and older who have experienced domestic and family violence. This may include teenaged or young women who have been impacted by the DFSV homicide of a partner, ex-partner or family member.

(27) What support is provided to children and young people who witness or are affected by DFSV homicide?

I am advised:

"The Victims Support Scheme (the Scheme), established under the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013 (VRSA) provides counselling, financial assistance and recognition payments to eligible victims of violent crime, including children and young people who witness or are affected by DFSV homicide."

(28) What legal advice and trauma informed advocacy services are provided to children and young people who witness or are affected by DFSV homicide?

I am advised:

Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services are specialist services for women aged 16 and older who have experienced domestic and family violence. This may include teenagers or young women who have been impacted by the DFSV homicide of a partner, ex-partner or family member.

(29) Which frontline workers including but not limited to police, judiciary, educators, disability, child protection caseworkers receive youth-focused training on recognising and responding to DFSV and coercive control?

(a) Who provided that training?

(b) When was the training provided? (c) How was the training delivered?
I am advised: Police and judicial officer training on coercive control is detailed in the Coercive Control Implementation and Evaluation Taskforce reports. The training delivered in 2024/25 is outlined on pages 30-32 of the July 2025 report which was tabled on 7 August 2025.
(30) What coercive control training is being provided to DFSV practitioners? (a) When was this provided? (b) What is the budget? (c) Is more training planned?
See response to question 29
(31) How many underaged forced marriages were reported during: (a) 2023-24? (b) 2024-25?
I am advised: In 2023/24, 8 children and young people reported to the Child Protection Helpline related to underage forced marriage. In 2024-25, 14 children and young people reported to the Child Protection Helpline. The Australian Federal Police investigates reports of modern slavery offences, including forced marriage, for victims of any age. Information about the number of forced marriage reports in NSW should be referred to the Australian Federal Police and the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.
(32) How many forced marriages were reported during: (a) 2023-24? (b) 2024-25?
I am advised: The Australian Federal Police investigates reports of modern slavery offences, including forced marriage, for victims of any age. Information about the number of forced marriage reports in NSW should be referred to the Australian Federal Police and the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.
(33) What work is underway to better understand the abuse of older people by age group, including but not limited to DFSV and coercive and/or controlling behaviour?
I am advised: "The NSW Government has been working closely with states and territories to finalise the National Plan to End the Abuse and Mistreatment of Older People 2025-2035, set to be released later this year. This Plan, designed to capture the different types of elder abuse experienced in the community, includes references to coercive control and sexual violence experienced by older people and the need for early intervention and prevention initiatives including life planning initiatives for decision making in later years. The Plan also acknowledges that supports shift with age, as the prevalence of disability also increases with age (for example dementia). Better understanding of the types of elder abuse and how they are reported by age group will be key in identifying the risks (and protective factors) that elderly people face as they enter into different life stages, and will be a key consideration for the NSW Government in mapping out the NSW actions in the first Action Plan (2025-2030)."

(34) What are the barriers faced by people living in rural and regional communities in reporting domestic, family and sexual violence to police?

The NSW Domestic and Family Violence Plan 2022-2027 recognises that evidence shows that many groups, including people living in regional, rural and remote areas, can experience additional barriers to seeking support and securing safety.

- Some key challenges for services in rural and remote locations include:

- o Large geographical distances
- o Limited numbers of services available, including after-hours support
- o Lack of public transport and access to available transport
- o Risks may be increased where there is rural isolation and lack of 24-hour police response
- o Limited health responses, including for example, long wait times in emergency departments, lack of access to GP services and allied health responses, including primary mental health support
- o The social and cultural characteristics of living in small communities can be a barrier for women seeking help include confidentiality concerns, and a lack of alternate housing options or perceived perpetrator accountability

- (a) Through investments in the 24-25 and 25-26 budgets, service provisions in regional and rural communities has increased

- The WDVCS Co-Location pilot operates in six regional sites and has been extended to 30 June 2027. The pilot intends to improve the experience of women who attend a police station to report, or seek help in relation to DFV. "

(35) What are the barriers faced by Aboriginal people in reporting domestic, family and sexual violence to police?

(a) What actions have been taken to address these barriers?

I am advised:

"Historically Aboriginal people have been mistrusting of police and relationships with statutory government systems has been fractured.

Recent consultation with Aboriginal communities have reported;

- "Despite some efforts to improve cultural safety and integration, many Aboriginal people disengage from government services due to discrimination, mistrust and inadequate availability" – "System failures like this deepen trauma and mistrust and perpetuate silence and shame surrounding sexual and family violence for Aboriginal people".
- "Relationships with police are not good and many Aboriginal people are fearful of asking the police for help or assistance. There is also tension between police and Aboriginal service providers".
- "More than 80% of people consulted said that overt racism such as disrespecting culture and hurtful comments and actions affected them".

This insight speaks indirectly to the impacts of child removal, family separation, policing, and the broader societal shift to westernised, individualistic ways of living opposed to the collective ways of First Nations culture.

(a) CTG Target 13 provides a mandate to respond to DFSV differently. Investment from Family Domestic and Sexual Violence NPA funding for CTG Target 13 is supporting the development of the NSW Aboriginal DFSV plan, uplift of Aboriginal workforce, Aboriginal led service delivery and leadership within the sector and placed based co-designed, which prioritise self-determination, prevention, early intervention, healing, and recovery for Aboriginal families, including persons who use violence. Examples of approaches to increase Aboriginal leadership in the sector, centre Aboriginal ways of responding to DFSV within the sector, and design service responses with Aboriginal people and numerous examples of this innovative approach to responding to domestic family and sexual violence are occurring within the DCJ Transforming Aboriginal outcomes family violence team led work & include :

- Aboriginal community safety grants have supported 28 Aboriginal organisations across metro regional and rural NSW, to implement 32 placed based initiatives to prevent, respond to and heal

from impacts of DFSV.

- Aboriginal Child and Family Centres & Aboriginal Family Wellbeing and Violence Prevention project is an Aboriginal community led Initiatives which has supported 12 new Aboriginal specialist workers across numerous ACCOs to work with agencies and communities to respond to the impacts of DFSV holistically.
- Aboriginal Family Violence Healing Model supports Aboriginal families experiencing family violence including the persons using violence. The model is informed by Aboriginal ways of knowing being and doing and is co-designed with ACCOS to support families who have experienced violence who wish to continue to function as a family.
- Aboriginal DFV court support program in Moree and Gunnedah courts
- Aboriginal Community Led & Police response to DFV- Grafton Gurrelgham ACCO Toomelah Safe House Project"

(36) How many misidentifications of women as domestic violence abusers were recorded in:
 (a) 2023-24?
 (b) 2024-25?
 (c) For these, provide a breakdown of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal?

There is currently no reliable way to routinely identify which women legally proceeded against for domestic violence abuse against an intimate partner have been misidentified. BOCSAR is currently undertaking two research projects that aim to improve our understanding of misidentification in intimate partner violence.

(37) When will the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review 2023-25 be released?

I am advised: The tabling of the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2023-25 should be directed to the Attorney General.

(38) What is the total budget for Domestic and Family Violence?

I am advised:
 the total DFV Program budget available to the Department of Communities and Justice for 2025/26 is \$408.5 million.

(39) How much has been allocated to Rural Women's Network for 2025-26?

I am advised: \$1 million has been allocated to the Rural Women's Network for 2025/26.

(40) How much has been allocated for the Investing in Women Funding Program for 2025-26?

I am advised: \$1.17 million has been allocated to the Investing in Women program for 2025-26.

(41) Has the review of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education mandatory syllabus been conducted?

(a) If so, what gaps were identified?

(b) What specific initiatives or programs have been implemented to strengthen holistic, trauma-informed survivor support?

I am advised:

Questions regarding programs within educational environments should be directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning. Initiatives outside educational environments include:
 The "Trauma-informed respectful relationships" project being led by the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) in partnership with Institute of Child Protection Studies.

The All In program is delivered by the Women's and Girls' Emergency Centre (WAGEC) across NSW in early childhood education settings to promote healthy respectful relationships when children are

young.

The NSW Government recently announced funding for 11 community organisations to run programs locally to help drive down domestic, family and sexual violence across NSW, as part of the NSW Primary Prevention Multi-Year Partnership (MYP) Grant Program 2025–2028. The following MYP organisations are working with young people to address the drivers of DFSV in local, place-based settings:

- Consent Labs Ltd – Expanding and evaluating Consent Labs’ in-person and digital education to reach more young people, parents and carers to prevent sexual violence
 - The Trustee for Top Blokes Foundation – Supporting young males to be Top Blokes – Prevention Program for young males
 - Young Women's Alliance – Evidence-Based Primary Prevention for At-Risk Young People
 - Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd – Young People Leading the Change, Leading With Culture
 - Moriarty Foundation (ACCO) – Fair play - Gender Equality and Respect Football
- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/primary-prevention-myp-grant-program-25-28>

(42) What programs have been implemented to address respectful relationships, coercive control, consent education and pornography for children and young people across settings, both within and outside educational environments?

I am advised:

Questions regarding programs with in educational environment should be directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning. Initiatives outside educational environments include:

The “Trauma-informed respectful relationships” project being led by the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) in partnership with Institute of Child Protection Studies.

The All In program is delivered by the Women's and Girls' Emergency Centre (WAGEC) across NSW in early childhood education settings to promote healthy respectful relationships when children are young.

The NSW Government recently announced funding for 11 community organisations to run programs locally to help drive down domestic, family and sexual violence across NSW, as part of the NSW Primary Prevention Multi-Year Partnership (MYP) Grant Program 2025–2028. The following MYP organisations are working with young people to address the drivers of DFSV in local, place-based settings:

- Consent Labs Ltd – Expanding and evaluating Consent Labs’ in-person and digital education to reach more young people, parents and carers to prevent sexual violence
 - The Trustee for Top Blokes Foundation – Supporting young males to be Top Blokes – Prevention Program for young males
 - Young Women's Alliance – Evidence-Based Primary Prevention for At-Risk Young People
 - Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd – Young People Leading the Change, Leading With Culture
 - Moriarty Foundation (ACCO) – Fair play - Gender Equality and Respect Football
- <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/primary-prevention-myp-grant-program-25-28>

(43) What resources have been developed to assist parents and caregivers to discuss in-person and online sexual violence, respectful relationships, coercive control, consent, and pornography with children and young people?

I am advised:

The All In program aims to prevent gender-based violence by promoting healthy respectful relationships when children are young. Under the All In pilot, resources have been developed for educators, families and influential adults to promote positive, age-appropriate messages about

equality, inclusion, and respect to young children. Under the program expansion, these will be further distributed.

For further information please refer to the Minister for Education.

(44) What strategies have been developed to address the role of pornography in contributing to harmful sexual behaviours and reinforcing stereotyped attitudes among children and young people?

I am advised:

The NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022–27 includes four cross-government actions that seek to address the impacts of pornography and increase the general online safety of young people. This NSW Government has progressed the following activities:

- a review of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education mandatory syllabus,
- work to strengthen delivery of programs that address respectful relationships, coercive control, consent education and pornography for children and young people
- the development of resources to assist parents and caregivers in having conversations with children and young people about in-person and online sexual violence, respectful relationships, coercive control, consent and pornography.

On 6 August 2024 the NSW Government established an inquiry on the impacts of pornography on young people. The purpose is to inquire into and report on the impacts of harmful pornography, including pornography that is violent and misogynistic, on mental, emotional, and physical health.

(45) Has the review of the service system for victim-survivors of sexual violence been undertaken?

(a) If so, what gaps were identified?

(b) What specific initiatives or programs have been implemented to strengthen holistic, trauma-informed survivor support?

I am advised:

The NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022-27 includes an action to review the service system for victim-survivors of sexual violence to identify gaps, priorities, and opportunities to strengthen holistic, trauma-informed support. This action will commence in 2025/26.

(46) What proportion of domestic and family violence funding is allocated to early intervention and prevention versus crisis response?

I am advised:

The DFV budget is allocated by programs/ initiative and not by pillars of early intervention, prevention and crisis response.

(47) With regional DV coordinator positions within NSW Police deleted, how will the government ensure effective interagency DV sector coordination?

This is a question for the Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism.

(48) Does the NSW Government intend to continue to allocate the same amount of National Partnership Agreement funding to domestic and family violence initiatives in the coming years, or will there be an increase or a decrease?

I am advised:

Funding amounts under the FDVS National Partnership Agreement are negotiated with the Commonwealth Government and allocations are publicly available (<https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/agreements/family-domestic-and-sexual-violence-responses-2021-30>). NSW commits all funding received under the NPA in line with the parameters of the Agreement.

(49) How will the NSW Common Approach to Risk Assessment and Safety Framework (CARAS) be implemented in schools, in child protection responses, in Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, and in housing and homelessness services to ensure allied staff have the capability to identify domestic and family violence and assess or manage risk in NSW? (a) Which sectors will be prioritised in the roll out?
I am advised: Implementation planning is underway, including consideration around sectors that may be prioritised for the next phase of the project. Considerations around the implementation of the CARAS will also be guided by the work of the DFV Special Advisor which is due to complete on 30 September 2025.
(50) Will there be an interim evaluation report on the NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022-2027? (a) If so, when? I am advised: "Information regarding the Government's approach to the evaluation of the NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022-27 can be found in the Plan. https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/documents/service-providers/domestic-and-family-violence-services/NSW-Sexual-Violence-Plan-2022%E2%80%932027.pdf"
(51) Pillar 3 of the 2023-24 DFV Plan Annual Report Card notes there has been an increase in the availability of Specialist Homelessness Services for young people who use violence in the home. Where have these additional services been provided?
This question should be referred to the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.
(52) What is the training and resources that have been provided to SHS to build the capability of specialist homelessness services workers to support young people?
I am advised: This question should be directed to the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.
(53) As part of the Data Strategy funding, how does the NSW Government plan to work with other states and territories to improve the alignment, compatibility, and comparability of domestic and family violence data collection across jurisdictions in Australia? I am advised: The NSW Government, along with other states and territories, is working with the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) to support the development of a prototype (pilot) data collection on government-funded specialist crisis family and domestic violence services provided to victim-survivors. The prototype data collection is a foundational piece of work towards developing a consistent national data collection.
(54) As part of the Data Strategy, how is the NSW Government working to improve understanding of, and data collection on, client outcomes in specialist domestic and family violence services? (a) Will the NSW Government prioritise the development of a framework to better monitor client outcomes, service impact and efficacy?
The NSW Government is investing \$3.1 million to begin delivery of a Data Strategy. As part of this work, activity is underway on improving data collections across domestic and family violence services and improving the understanding the effectiveness of services in meeting clients' needs.

(55) How much has been allocated to NSW Domestic Violence Line for 2025-26?
I am advised: \$2.48 million has been allocated to the DV Line for 2025/26.
(56) How many calls did the NSW Domestic Violence Line receive during 2024-2025?
I am advised: For 2024/25, the DV line received 19,795 calls.
(57) What was the average waiting time for the NSW Domestic Violence Line during 2024-25?
I am advised: Across 2024/25, the DV line recorded an average wait time at 1 minute and 46 seconds.
(58) When will the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Outcomes, Monitoring and Reporting Framework be released?
I am advised: The OMRF is currently progressing through NSW Government approval processes and is expected to be finalised in the coming months.
(59) The Men's Behaviour Change program has been expanded to 35 locations, how many are regional, and metro based?
(a) Can you provide a list of these locations?
(b) What is the cost of the program?
I am advised: (a) The list of Men's Behaviour Change Program locations can be found on the Departments website https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/supporting-family-domestic-sexual-violence-services/dfv-programs-funding/men-s-behaviour-change-program.html (b) In 2024-25 the total funding to these programs was \$11 million.
(60) Will the "All in" early childhood pilot be evaluated?
(a) If so, when will the evaluation be undertaken?
(b) How will it be measured?
I am advised: Women's and Girl's Emergency Centre (WAGEC) was commissioned to deliver the All In pilot from June 2022 to March 2025. An independent evaluation of the All In pilot found the program was implemented as intended and showed promise. It also identified key elements of its success, learnings, and opportunities for improvement. WAGEC will deliver the All In program expansion through to June 2028. The expanded program will take into account evaluation recommendations and will expand the reach of the program across NSW. An evaluation of the expanded program will be completed following the conclusion of the funding period.
(61) When did the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Services initiative commenced?
(a) How many operators provide these services?
(b) Where are they located?
IDFVS commenced in 2016 with a DFV focus.
(a) There are 11 current providers for this service.
(b) These 15 LGAs have IDFVS coverage Central Coast, Shoalhaven, Mid Coast, Port Macquarie –

Hastings, Byron, Ballina, Tweed, Randwick, Bayside, Waverley, Canterbury – Bankstown, Fairfield, Liverpool, Blacktown, Penrith.
(62) Will the NSW Government extend eligibility for women on temporary visas to the broader NSW housing and homelessness system, including access to social and affordable housing and temporary accommodation? (a) If not, why not?
I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.
(63) What is the budget for the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for 2025-26?
I am advised: The core budget for the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for 2025/26 is \$2,853,132.
(64) How many staff are employed in the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for 2025-26?
I am advised: The Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner currently has 14.5 FTE staff employed.
(65) In response to Supplementary questions, we have been advised the Women's Safety Commissioner is working on several projects. Is there a budget attached to individual projects or additional staff required?
I am advised: Most Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner (OWSC) projects are funded through the regular OWSC budget, with the exception of one project which is funded with \$825,000 from the National Partnership Agreement. All projects are managed by existing OWSC staff. In addition, the OWSC manages \$500,000 per year allocated to the DVDRT from the Emergency Package announced in May 2024. A portion of this funding is used for projects to support robust research related to the DVDRT.
(66) What research projects are planned for the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for 2025-26?
I am advised: The Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner has funded or contributed funding to the following research projects, which are currently underway and/or will be completed in 2025/26: 1. Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Homicides involving First Nations Women . 2. Research into understanding DFV victim-survivors' experiences of the criminal justice system. 3. Domestic, family and sexual violence project training modules and resources, related to people with a disability and older people. 4. The IVY Study: Towards an Australian response to the use of Intimate partner Violence by Young people. 5. Building NSW Government capability to embed Safety by Design.
(67) In response to supplementary question 81 from 27 February 2025, what research has been undertaken on volunteering in NSW? (a) What gaps were identified? (b) What specific initiatives or programs have been implemented to strengthen holistic, trauma-informed survivor support?
I am advised: A key ongoing initiative under the NSW Volunteering Strategy 2020 – 2030 (Focus Area 2 – Knowledge) is the NSW State of Volunteering Research Initiative. This Initiative considers the scale, value, impact,

needs and trends of the sector. It includes surveys of the sector every two years, and focus group research in the alternative years.

(a) The research has identified a wide range of needs across the sector, including opportunities for further research and data collection. The need for additional tools and resources, funding, promotion of volunteering, additional volunteer recognition, opportunities for learning and development have also been identified and are being responded to through the initiatives being implemented under the NSW Volunteering Strategy.

(b) There are no specific research initiatives or programs under the NSW Volunteering Strategy that have been implemented to strengthen holistic, trauma-informed survivor support as it is not the objective of the NSW Volunteering Strategy, and it has not been identified as a priority or gap in the context of the NSW Volunteering Sector.

(68) In response to supplementary question 81 from 27 February 2025, what tools and resources have been developed to support volunteering in NSW?

I am advised:

Under the NSW Volunteering Strategy 2020 – 2030, the following initiatives, tools and resources have been developed and are being supported:

- The NSW Volunteer Recruitment Portal
- The NSW Volunteer Charter
- The NSW Youth Volunteering Guidelines
- The NSW Disability Inclusion Volunteering Guidelines
- The volunteering webpages, which can be found at www.nsw.gov.au/volunteering
- The resource library located on the volunteering webpages

(69) What are the NSW Government's key strategic initiatives for volunteering?

I am advised:

Under the NSW Volunteering Strategy 2020 – 2030, the following key strategic initiatives have been developed and are being supported:

- The NSW Volunteer Recruitment Portal, in collaboration with Seek Volunteer
- The NSW Volunteer Charter
- The NSW Youth Volunteering Guidelines
- The NSW Disability Inclusion Volunteering Guidelines
- NSW State of Volunteering Research Initiative, which includes the NSW State of Volunteering Reports and Focus Group Reports, in collaboration with The Centre for Volunteering
- Sponsorship of the annual NSW Volunteering Conference in collaboration with The Centre for Volunteering
- Sponsorship of the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards in collaboration with The Centre for Volunteering
- Sponsorship of the NSW Community Sports Awards in collaboration with Sport NSW
- Recognition and celebration of volunteers during National Volunteer Week

(70) What initiatives were implemented in 2024-25 to build and expand volunteer networks?

I am advised:

Initiatives in 2024-2025 that helped build and expand volunteer networks included:

- The NSW Volunteering Conference
- The NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards
- Launch of the NSW Youth Volunteering Guidelines
- Launch event for the NSW Disability Inclusion Volunteering Guidelines.

Portfolio Budget Split

(71) What is the total allocation of funding that you will oversee as the Minister for Women?

(a) How much of this total amount will be spent in each of the following regions:

- i. North Coast
- ii. New England and North West
- iii. Hunter
- iv. Central West and Orana
- v. Far West
- vi. Riverina Murray
- vii. Southeast and Tablelands
- viii. Illawarra-Shoalhaven
- ix. Greater Sydney
- x. Central Coast

The total Women NSW budget for 2025/26 is \$11.3 million. Women and girls living in regional, rural, remote and cross-border areas are focus communities outlined in the NSW Women's Strategy 2023-2026. Where funding will be spent is subject to Women NSW grant programs, available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/women-nsw/women-nsw-grants-and-funding>.

(72) What is the total allocation of funding that you will oversee as the Minister for Seniors?

(a) How much of this total amount will be spent in each of the following regions:

- i. North Coast
- ii. New England and North West
- iii. Hunter
- iv. Central West and Orana
- v. Far West
- vi. Riverina Murray
- vii. Southeast and Tablelands
- viii. Illawarra-Shoalhaven
- ix. Greater Sydney
- x. Central Coast

I am advised:

The total allocated budget for the Seniors portfolio is \$10.1 million.

A) This budget is not distributed by geographic region. Instead, the budget funds a continuation of key programs and initiatives supporting older people across NSW.

(73) What is the total allocation of funding that you will oversee as the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault?

(a) How much of this total amount will be spent in each of the following regions:

- i. North Coast
- ii. New England and North West
- iii. Hunter
- iv. Central West and Orana
- v. Far West
- vi. Riverina Murray
- vii. Southeast and Tablelands
- viii. Illawarra-Shoalhaven
- ix. Greater Sydney
- x. Central Coast

I am advised:

The total funding available to the Department of Communities and Justice for 2025/26 for the DFV program is \$408.5 million. Budget is allocated by programs/ initiative and not by regions.

General Communities and Justice Expenditure

(74) The budget papers reflect a \$2 billion allocation across the Communities and Justice section. This amount is allocated for capital expenditure for this financial year alone. How much of this capital expenditure budget is allocated for projects within the following portfolios:

(a) Seniors

(b) Women

(c) Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

I am advised:

There is no capital funding for Seniors or Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault portfolios. The Women portfolio is not part of the Department of Communities and Justice portfolio of agencies.

(75) Mentioned several times across Budget Papers 1 and 2 is the figure \$272.7 million allocated over four years to provide additional funding for domestic, family and sexual violence services. In budget paper 2, there is somewhat of a breakdown of that expenditure over four years; \$9.3 million to implement Serious Domestic Abuse Prevention Orders, \$3.6 million for a new Common Approach to Risk Assessment and Safety, \$2.5 million to begin delivery of a Domestic and Family Violence Workforce Strategy, \$2.5 million to begin delivery of a Domestic and Family Violence Workforce Strategy, \$3.1 million to begin delivery of a Date Strategy to build the domestic, family and sexual violence evidence base, and \$2.0 million to start rolling out an Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence plan. All up, that is \$20.5 million for the 2025-26 financial year. Over the forward estimates that is \$82 million. What projects is the remaining \$190.7 million being spent on?

(a) Where are these projects?

I am advised:

"The total \$272.7m is over four years and includes the following funding amounts (totals per program):

Core and Cluster - \$148.8m

Serious Domestic Abuse Prevention Orders - \$9.3m

NSW Domestic Violence Line - \$2.5m

Domestic Violence Electronic Monitoring - \$4.6m

DV Notify - \$8.9m

Safe and Strong - \$21m

DFV programs (NSW Health) - \$11.2m

DFV programs (Youth Justice) - \$10.0m

WDVCAS Hearing Support - \$13.7m

WDVCAS Co-Location - \$3.0m

Innovative perpetrator interventions - \$6.3m

Programs supporting 'at risk' cohorts - \$12.3m

Sector development programs - \$3.2m

Sexual Violence programs - \$6.7m

DFV Workforce Development Strategy - \$2.5m

Common Approach to Risk Assessment and Safety - \$3.6m

DFSV Data Strategy - \$3.1m Aboriginal DFSV Plan - \$2.0m"
NSW WOMEN'S STRATEGY 2023-2026
Annual Report Cards
(76) The 2025 Report Card states that women in the NSW public sector are earning 7.2% less than men. This increased from 4.5% in the previous report card. Why did this gap increase? (a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes? i. Can you provide that research? (b) Can you provide information on which roles, departments, where there are discrepancies between wages? (c) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and /or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?
For analysis of the gender pay gap please refer to the Workforce Profile Report 2024 https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2025-03/nsw-public-sector-report-assessment-2024.pdf The NSW Government has implemented measures aimed at improving workplaces for female employees by paying female dominated workforces in the public sector fairly and providing economic security, including abolishing the public sector wages cap, and providing the highest pay increase in more than a decade in 2023/24. These measures have improved job stability and economic security for female dominated workforces across the NSW public sector.
(77) Under the Personal Financial Wellbeing section, the 2024 Report Card stated that the self-reported median total personal income was \$16,704 lower than men. The 2025 Report Card showed that this gap had widened to \$19,053. Why did this gap increase? (a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes? i. Can you provide that research? (b) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and /or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?
I am advised: (a) The self-reported median total personal income gap is derived from the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics (HILDA) data. There has not been any research explicitly into the increase in the gender pay gap according to this data. The gender pay gap is trending downwards on a longer-term timeframe, but fluctuations do occur period-to-period. (b) The NSW Government's 2025/26 Budget includes measures that respond to gender-based challenges in health care, education and training, female dominated workforces, childcare and early childhood education, small business ownership, respect at work, domestic family and sexual violence, housing, transport, digital access, access to government services, and community life. Driving change in these areas will improves outcomes for women, including having a positive impact on the gender income gap.
(78) In the Perceived Safety section of the 2024 report card, the NSW Police Force recorded the rate of female victims of violent offences as 1227.7 per 100,000. In the 2025 that rate increased to 1374.7 per 100,00. Why did this increase? (a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes? i. Can you provide that research? (b) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Hon Yasmin Catley MP, in her capacity as the Minister for Police

(79) In the Housing Stability section, in 2024 the percentage of women who were homeless at the beginning of 2021-22 who were no longer homeless after receiving specialist assistance was 19%. In 2025 that percentage was 18%. A decrease in this figure shows that conditions are getting worse. Can you account for why the specialist assistance for women has not worked as well as it did the year before?

(a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?

i. Can you provide that research?

(b) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?

I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.

(80) Under the Completion of Education and Training section, the 2024 Year 12 completion rate for girls was 75.8%, in 2025 it was 74%. Can you account for this decrease?

(a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?

i. Can you provide that research?

(b) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?

This is a question for Minister for Education and Early Learning

(81) In the geographical breakdown of the Completion of Education and Training section, in 2024 78.8% of these girls were from major cities, 68.7% from outer regional areas, and 71.1% were in very remote areas. In the 2025 report card 77% were in major cities, 64% were in inner regional areas, and 58% were in outer regional and remote areas. Can you account for reasons as to why there were changes in each geographical area?

(a) Why did the report card change the geographical categories from Major Cities, Regional Area, and Remote Areas; to Major Cities, Inner Regional Areas, and Outer Regional Areas?

(b) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?

i. Can you provide that research?

(c) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?

This is a question for Minister for Education and Early Learning

(82) When it comes to Gender Segregation in Education, the 2024 report card said 68% of year 11 girls were enrolled in 2 or more STEM subjects, in 2025 it had dropped to 57%. Can you account for this change?

(a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?

(b) Are there any measures that have been considered, will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?

This is a question for Minister for Education and Early Learning

DIARY DISCLOSURE

Diary

(83) Your ministerial diary disclosure reflects a 15 day gap when you had no disclosed meetings between the 15th of April and the 30th of April. Could you tell us what you were up to during this time?

I am advised: My ministerial disclosures indicate meetings were held on the 15th and 30th of April. The roles and responsibilities of Ministers are publicly available on the NSW Parliament website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/about/Pages/Roles-and-Responsibilities-of-the-Premier-and-Min.aspx>

I can confirm I was carrying out my responsibilities during this time.

SENIORS

Ageing and Disability Commission

(84) The Budget Papers allocate \$8 million to the Ageing and Disability Commission. In previous years the budget submissions from the Commission was not agreed to by the Government. What funding did the Commission ask for in this years Budget?

I am advised:
In this budget submission, the ADC sought \$2 million per year to lift the baseline budget.

Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline

(85) How many calls did the Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline receive:

- (a) 2024-25
- (b) 2023-24

I am advised:
The Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline received:
(a) 17,527 calls in 2024/25
(b) 17,342 calls in 2023/24

(86) Between 2019-20 and 2024-25 by what percentage did calls to the Helpline increase?

I am advised:
Between 2019/20 and 2024/25, calls to the Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline increased by 68%.

Electricity Rebates

(87) What are you doing as the Minister for Seniors to address the ongoing cost-of-living crisis affecting seniors and pensioners in NSW?

- (a) Why has the Low-Income Household Rebate been reduced from \$350 to \$285 per year?
- (b) Why has the Seniors Energy Rebate been reduced from \$250 to \$200 per year?
- (c) Why has the Life Support Rebate, for those households with life support equipment, been reduced from \$1638 to \$1343?

I am advised:
"The Ageing Well in NSW: Action 2025-2026 identifies people experiencing difficulty because of cost of living / financial pressure as a priority target population. Information related to priority actions in the Ageing Well in NSW Strategy are available at; <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/documents/community-inclusion/seniors/ageing-well-in-nsw-action-plan-2025-2026.pdf>

- a) Questions relating to the Low-Income Household Rebate should be directed to the Minister for Customer Service
- b) Questions relating to the Seniors Energy Rebate should be directed to the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
- c) Questions relating to the Life Support Rebate should be directed to the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water"

Social Housing Accelerator

(88) How many senior social homes are to be delivered under the Social Housing Accelerator Fund in NSW in the next 12 months?

(a) Where are these social houses located?

(b) Do you and the NSW Government have plans to build more social homes outside of Sydney for older people?

i. When will these be built?

ii. Where will they be built?

I am advised:

This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.

Seniors Card

(89) How many businesses have joined the NSW Seniors Card discount scheme since the last Budget Estimates hearings in February?

(a) Can you provide example of the new offerings now included in the scheme?

I am advised:

76 businesses have joined the NSW Seniors Card program since February 2025.

a) Examples of new offers include: sun safety, gardening supplies, and accommodation.

Details of participating businesses and offers available are published on the NSW Government website

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/community-services/seniors-card/deals-discounts>"

CFMEU meetings

(90) Since 28 March 2023, have you met with the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU) that was not disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?

I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings:

(1) meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions)

(2) meetings that are strictly personal, electroate or party political

(3) social or public functions or events

(4) meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum)(5) matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure

Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Offices' website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures>)

ETU meetings

(91) Since 28 March 2023, have you met with the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) that was not disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?

I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following

meetings: (1) meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) (2) meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political (3) social or public functions or events (4) meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum) (5) matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Offices' website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)
Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office
(92) On what date did you last update/make a ministerial disclosure to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office?
I am advised: The Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) requires Ministers to make certain disclosures to the Premier and the Secretary of the Cabinet Office. I comply with my obligations under the Ministerial Code.
Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees
(93) In relation to redundancies, will this be made available in your respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports?
I am advised: Information about any redundancies within agencies is published in the agency annual reports. Published annual reports can be accessed on agency websites.
Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports
(94) Do you have plans to print the 2024-25 annual report(s) for each department / agency in your portfolio?
(a) If yes, what is the budgeted expenditure for printing for each department / agency?
I am advised: Annual reports should be prepared in accordance with the Treasury Policy and Guidelines - Framework for Financial and Annual Reporting (TPG25-10).
State Records Act
(95) Have you and your ministerial office had training and/or a briefing about the State Records Act from State Records NSW and/or The Cabinet Office and/or Premier's Department?
(a) If yes, when?
I am advised: The Ministers' Office Handbook provides guidance in relation to recordkeeping obligations under the <i>State Records Act 1998</i> . The Cabinet Office also provide guidance, advice, training and support on these obligations for Ministers' offices. Further information is available on State Records NSW's website (www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/dciths/state-records-nsw). All Ministers' offices are expected to comply with their obligations under the <i>State Records Act 1998</i> .
Department(s)/Agency(s) Gifts and Hospitality Register
(96) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) have a gifts and/or hospitality register?
(a) If yes, is it available online?
(b) If yes, what is the website URL?
I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice gifts, benefits and hospitality register is available at: https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/policies/gifts-benefits-and-bequests.html

The Cabinet Office gifts and hospitality register is available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinet-office/access-to-information/gifts-and-hospitality-register#:~:text=The%20Cabinet%20Office%20publishes%20its,Gifts%20and%20B>

Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality

(97) Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts and/or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?

(a) If yes, what is the website URL?

I am advised:

All Ministerial staff are required to comply with Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff attached to the Minister's Office Handbook and available on the NSW Government website.

(98) Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?

(a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?

(b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared?

I am advised: All Ministerial staff are required to comply with their disclosure obligations under the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff and I expect them to do so. A breach of the policy may be a breach of the Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct. The Policy includes disclosure obligations for Ministerial staff in respect of gifts, hospitality and benefits over \$150. If a Ministerial staff member is required by their role to accompany their Office Holder at an event that the Office Holder is attending as the State's representative, or where the Office Holder has asked the staff member to attend, then attendance at that event would not constitute a gift or benefit for the purposes of the Policy.

Ministerial Code of Conduct

(99) Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct?

(a) If yes, what was the breach?

I am advised: All Ministers are expected to comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) at all times. The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance. Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to:

(1) disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate family members to the Premier

(2) seek rulings from the Premier if they wish to hold shares, directorships, other business interests or engage in secondary employment (known as 'prohibited interests')

(3) identify, avoid, disclose and manage conflicts of interest

(4) disclose gifts and

hospitality with a market value over \$500.

A substantial breach of the Ministerial

Code (including a knowing breach of any provision of the Schedule) may constitute corrupt conduct for the purposes of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*.

Senior Executive Drivers

(100) As at 1 August 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?

I am advised: No senior executives employed by the Department of Communities and Justice or The Cabinet Office have a driver

GIPA Act - Disclosure Log & Departments/Agencies

(101) Does your Ministerial Office have a disclosure log in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009?

(a) If yes, what is the URL?

I am advised: An agency must keep a record (called its disclosure log) that records information about access applications made to the agency that the agency decides by deciding to provide access (to some or all of the information applied for) if the information is information that the agency considers may be of interest to other members of the public.
(102) What is the website URL for the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009 disclosure log each of your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?
I am advised: https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/gipa/disclosure-log.html https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premiers-department-disclosure-log
TikTok
(103) Are you on TikTok?
(a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?
I am advised: The Circular DCS-2025-01 Cyber Security NSW Directive - Restricted Applications List advises how NSW Government agencies are required to appropriately manage risks to NSW Government information on government-issued devices, or personal devices that are used for government business.
Signal
(104) Are you on Signal?
(a) If yes, do you access Signal from a NSW Government device?
(b) If yes, does Signal comply with the State Records Act?
I am advised: Like the former Coalition Government, the NSW Government uses a range of digital systems and communications that have been approved for use and may be utilised where there is a valid business requirement. This has been established practice under successive governments. State records are a vital public asset, and access to Government information is essential to maintaining public trust in government. I comply with my obligations under the <i>State Records Act 1998</i> .
Training
(105) Since 28 March 2023, have you had training from an external stakeholder that included an invoice and payment paid for using your ministerial budget?
(a) If yes, what is the description of training?
(b) If yes, how much?
I am advised: Ministers have undertaken a program of Ministerial induction training. Ministers have undertaken training on the Respectful Workplace Policy. Members of Parliament are provided with a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual Determination. Any additional training may be met from Ministerial Office Budgets, which are managed in accordance with the Minister's Office Handbook.
Parliamentary Secretary & Ministerial Vehicle
(106) Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used a Ministerial driver from the pool?
(a) If yes, why?
I am advised: The Ministers' Office Handbook provides that the Premier's Department transport services may be used by Parliamentary Secretaries for official business trips in connection with their duties as Parliamentary Secretaries, with costs paid from the Ministers' office budgets.

Media releases and statements
(107) Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at https://www.nsw.gov.au/ministerial-releases?
(a) If no, why?
I am advised: The Department of Customer Service (DCS) is responsible for managing www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases and the publication of media releases.
Overseas Travel
(108) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio department(s)/agency(s)?
I am advised: The NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy provides a framework for NSW Government travelling employees and covers official air and land travel by public officials using public money. Section 2.1 of that Policy sets out approvals required in relation to overseas travel. Further information in relation to the Policy can be found here: https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-and-transport-policy Treasury Policy and Guidelines - Framework for Financial and Annual Reporting (TPG25-10) requires agencies to include information on overseas visits by officers and employees in agency annual reports.
Data Breaches
(109) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) keep a register of data breaches in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP) Act?
(a) If yes, what is the website?
I am advised: Agencies are required by section 59ZD to prepare, publish and make publicly available a data breach policy. The PPIP Act does not provide for the internal register to be made public. Under clause 17, of Schedule 1 to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, it is conclusively presumed that there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of information contained in a document prepared for the assessment of an eligible data breach under the PPIP Act, Part 6A, if the information could worsen a public sector agency's cyber security or lead to further data breaches.
Discretionary Fund
(110) As Minister, do you have a discretionary fund?
(a) If yes, what department(s) / agency(s) administer it?
(b) If yes, what is the website URL detailing expenditure?
I am advised: Information about NSW Government grants can be found online: https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding
Airline Lounges
(111) Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?
I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Report on Review of the Code of Conduct, Aspects of Disclosure of Interests, and Related Issues (December 2010) notes that: "Advice has been received from the Crown Solicitor that use of the Chairman's Lounge by invitation is not a "gift" for the purposes of clause 10 of the Regulation, as it does not involve disposition of property. However, when the membership leads to an upgrade valued at more than \$250, it becomes disclosable as a contribution to travel, and should be reported under clause 11 of the Regulation."

Clause 16 of the Regulation allows a Member to, at their discretion, disclose any direct or indirect benefit, advantage or liability, whether pecuniary or not.
Relevant disclosures have been made to The Cabinet Office and to the NSW Parliament.

(112) Are you a member of the Virgin Beyond Lounge?

I am advised:

The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Report on Review of the Code of Conduct, Aspects of Disclosure of Interests, and Related Issues (December 2010) notes that:

"Advice has been received from the Crown Solicitor that use of the Chairman's Lounge by invitation is not a "gift" for the purposes of clause 10 of the Regulation, as it does not involve disposition of property. However, when the membership leads to an upgrade valued at more than \$250, it becomes disclosable as a contribution to travel, and should be reported under clause 11 of the Regulation." Clause 16 of the Regulation allows a Member to, at their discretion, disclose any direct or indirect benefit, advantage or liability, whether pecuniary or not.

Relevant disclosures have been made to The Cabinet Office and to the NSW Parliament.

Ministerial Overseas Travel

(113) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally applied to the Premier to travel overseas?

(a) If yes, was this application accepted?

I am advised: Ministerial overseas travel information is published online:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/ministerial-overseas-travel-information>

Private Jet Charter

(114) Have you travelled on a private jet charter in your Ministerial capacity?

(a) If yes, was this value for money for taxpayers?

I am advised: Premier and Ministers' domestic travel information is published on the Premier's Department website at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-domestic-travel>

Ministerial Office renovations

(115) Since 28 March 2023, has your Ministerial Office at 52 Martin Place been renovated?

(a) If yes, how much was the expenditure?

I am advised: Leasehold improvements for Ministerial Offices are reported within the Premier's Department annual reports

Conflict of Interest

(116) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally written to the Premier with a conflict of interest?

(a) If yes, why?

I am advised: All Ministers are expected to comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) at all times. The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance. Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to:

- (1) disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate family members to the Premier
- (2) seek rulings from the Premier if they wish to hold shares, directorships, other business interests or

engage in secondary employment (known as 'prohibited interests') (3) identify, avoid, disclose and manage conflicts of interest hospitality with a market value over \$500.	(4) disclose gifts and A substantial breach of the Ministerial Code (including a knowing breach of any provision of the Schedule) may constitute corrupt conduct for the purposes of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988.
Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	
(117) How does the government currently factor the significant cost differences between metro and regional services into funding arrangements? (a) How much consideration is given to the higher rates of DFV, travel costs, brokerage costs, etc?	
I am advised. It is acknowledged that there are higher associated delivery costs in regional and rural areas. This has been recognized in the SHLV program expansion with a regional loading applied to funding allocations for SHLV services to address the complexities of service provision in rural and regional areas. In regional, rural and remote locations services operate with greater flexibility. For example a higher proportion of funding can be used to cover brokerage costs and travel where needed.	
(118) Why hasn't the NSW Government funded statewide, ongoing training for the specialist domestic and family violence sector to ensure that services are equipped to support children and young people as victim-survivors in their own right, and to partner with the protective parent?	
The NSW Government is considering the training needs of the specialist DFV workforce as part of the implementation of the NSW Workforce Development Strategy.	
(119) Has the National Partnership Agreement allocation to domestic and family violence initiatives changed from one year to the next? (a) Does the NSW Government intend to continue to allocate the same amount of National Partnership Agreement funding to domestic and family violence initiatives in the coming years, or will there be an increase or a decrease?	
I am advised: Please see answer to question 48	
(120) The Commonwealth has committed \$19.6 million over three years to extend the current three specialist trauma-informed sexual assault legal services in Victoria, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, and nationally expand the pilots to include one in each jurisdiction. Can you confirm how much NSW will be receiving? (a) Has the NSW government discussed how this funding will be used? (b) Can you advise an anticipated timeline for this?	
This question should be referred to the Attorney General	
(121) In the 2024-25 Budget, \$13.6 million was allocated for "research into perpetrators and effective interventions, workforce training on the implementation of a newly developed risk assessment framework, and expanding Domestic Violence NSW, which is the peak body for specialist services in New South Wales." How many years is this allocated across?	
I am advised: This funding is allocated over four years.	

(122) Of the \$2.5 million allocated for the workforce strategy, how much is allocated for the implementation of the quality standards, for FY 2025-26?
I am advised: The Quality Standards project is funded outside of the \$2.5 million allocated to the Workforce Development Strategy.
Specialist Workers for Children and Young People
(123) Is there any new investment in the 2025-26 budget, for expanding the Specialist Workers for Children and Young People program?
I am advised: Under the DFV Emergency Package \$48.1m over four years was allocated to continue and expand services. This includes 10 new services that have been contracted. In 2025/26 \$11.8m will be spent on the delivery of the program to provide support in more than 32 refugees employing over 55 workers across 80 LGAs.
(124) The evaluation report published in October 2024 made 10 recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of the program. Have any of these been implemented or progressed? (a) In relation to recommendation 4, has DCJ begun any work to assess the risks and opportunities of incorporating SWCYP into core funding for all SHS-funded women's refugees that support CYP? (b) Have any changes been made to the flexibility around how funding is used by services? (c) I understand the SWCYP service specifications were updated in June 2024 to allow for funding to also be used for flexible brokerage to support achievement of client case plan goals. Has this been revisited off the back of the evaluation? (d) In relation to recommendation 6, has any consideration been given to allowing funds to be used for brokerage for school-associated costs (e.g. school uniforms, excursions), health and mental health specialist services, or for services based in regional locations? (e) In relation to recommendation 7, has consideration been given to allocate funding for supervision and professional development for specialist workers? (f) In relation to recommendation 9, has any work been done to establish what type of outcomes SWCYP funding is expected to achieve and develop a program/role logic as the basis for future evaluation? (g) Recommendation 10 called for outcome measures to be collected at regular intervals (e.g. at entry/exit or every 3 months) for measures like Personal Wellbeing Index, The Child Wellbeing Index, The Self-Efficacy Questionnaire for Children, Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire and needs being met. Does DCJ currently collect outcome measures for the program?
I am advised: Of the 10 recommendations, 6 have been implemented and the remaining 4 are underway. (a) From 1 July 2026 the SWCYP program will be a standalone program not attached to SHS contracts, enabling the program that was initially a pilot to be better established as a DFV response to children and young people with a stronger outcomes, reporting and data collection framework. The new SWCYP program will be 5-year contracts providing longer-term funding certainty to providers and service continuity for children and young people. (b) The program specifications were updated in 2024 to enable service to utilise brokerage flexibly as needed to meet children and young people case plan goals. (c) The revision of the program specifications in 2024 were informed by the program evaluation. The

program specifications will be updated prior to 2026 to include improved outcomes, reporting, data collection and service flexibility including use of brokerage to flexibly support childrens health and social care needs.

(d) Brokerage funding can be used flexibly by services to meet individual child and young people needs, including costs such as education, health care and other critical services to support recovery.

(e) Program funding can be used flexibly by services to build staff capacity, professional development and provide training for the specialist workers - including professional supervision, to improve service delivery for children and young people

(f) Work is underway to establish a DFV focused outcomes framework and program logic that would also be the basis for future program evaluations. It is expected that this will include appropriate outcome measures

(g) Work is underway to establish a DFV focused outcomes framework, and reporting and data collection measures.

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Lived Experience Advisory Group

(125) What role will the advisory group have, and how will they function?

I am advised:

"The role of the Advisory Group is to amplify the diverse voices of people with lived experience and share their insights and advice to help shape NSW Government policies and programs, in line with the NSW Women's Safety Commissioner Strategic Plan 2024-2027.

The Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner is committed to listening to how the Advisory Group wishes to be consulted, and to ensuring safe, respectful, trauma-informed, accessible and culturally safe engagement and consultation with government."

(126) How much influence will this advisory group have in determining the priorities, policy positions, and resources allocated to respond to domestic and family violence in NSW?

I am advised:

See above response to 125

Funding for NSW Sexual Violence Helpline operated by FullStop

(127) Will the NSW government commit to extending funding for the NSW Sexual Violence Helpline to allow the helpline to continue operating beyond 2026 when its funding contract expires?

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Health.

(128) How much funding did the Helpline receive from the NSW government in each of the last five years?

(a) Can you please break this down into how much was provided under the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) as well as from the relevant government departments?

I am advised: This question should also be directed to the Minister for Health

Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services (PSFaNS)

(129) Given there is currently no dedicated refuge accommodation for children and young people in crisis in the Port Stephens region, will the NSW government commit to engaging in direct consultation with Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services (PSFaNS), who are currently developing their Core and Cluster refuge, to identify and address gaps in accommodation for young people in crisis in the region?

(a) Is the government considering allocating funding for extra units and staffing, to ensure the Core and Cluster is adequately resourced to meet the specific and immediate needs of these vulnerable young people?
I am advised: "The Core and Cluster program budget is currently fully committed."
Place Based service delivery
(130) At the recent Domestic Violence NSW Regional Forum in Armidale, regional and rural DFV service providers expressed shared frustration regarding funding models and tender processes that are not place-based. Is the NSW Government committed to implementing a genuinely place-based funding model for the DFV sector?
(a) If so, when can we expect to see this?
I am advised: Funding for DFV programs adhere to the Department of Communities and Justice commissioning principles, which include a focus on local responses, needs and services vary providers across communities.
Data Strategy
(131) As part of the Data Strategy funding, how does the NSW Government plan to work with other states and territories to improve the alignment, compatibility and comparability of domestic and family violence data collection across jurisdictions in Australia?
See response to question 53
(132) In 2016 in Victoria, the Royal Commission into Family Violence identified a lack of a shared understanding of client outcomes; whether services are meeting the needs of clients; and whether there are sufficient resources for services to meet demand. Similar challenges exist in NSW. As part of the Data Strategy, how is the NSW Government working to improve understanding of, and data collection on, client outcomes in specialist domestic and family violence services?
(a) Will the NSW Government prioritise the development of a framework to better monitor client outcomes, service impact and efficacy?
See response to question 54
Older women and homelessness
(133) What is the status of the NSW government implementing the recommendations from the Standing Committee on Social Issues Inquiry into 'Homelessness amongst older people aged over 55 in New South Wales'?
I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.
(134) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 6 of the inquiry, which was "That the NSW Government consider implementing an explicit policy within the Ageing Well in NSW: Seniors Strategy 2021-2031 on 'ageing in place' and establishing benchmarks against which wider government policies can be measured." What action has been taken to establish benchmarks against which wider government policies can be measured?
I am advised: "The 2025–2026 Action Plan promotes a suite of initiatives under Focus Area One "Living in Age-Friendly Environments," which directly supports 'ageing in place'. These include:

- Supporting older social housing residents to age in place so older can remain living independently and safely in their home.
- Supporting housing and infrastructure projects that is aligned with ageing needs.
- Improving access to inclusive, affordable and accessible public transport.
- Enhancing participation for older people through various cultural and community programs.

The Ageing Well in NSW: Seniors Strategy 2021–2031 is not designed to serve as a benchmarking tool for measuring the success of individual NSW Government agencies. Rather, it provides a strategic framework to guide coordinated action across government.

Under the Strategy, data is collected from various NSW Government agencies and reported at the end of each two-year action plan cycle. The most recent 2023–2024 Report Card highlights actions that support 'ageing in place' initiatives. You can view the report card here: Ageing Well Action Plan 2023–2024 Report Card.

A midpoint review of the Strategy is scheduled for 2026, which will help determine the future direction of the Strategy and how its success will be measured moving forward."

(135) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 11 of the inquiry, which was "That the NSW Government ensure that, for older people at risk of homelessness who are not able to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme or aged care services service gaps are identified and investigated, and solutions to address these service gaps are identified and implemented in partnership with the Australian Government." What action has been taken to identify such service gaps?

I am advised:

"Homes NSW is focused on building strong Local Collaboration Networks. These will bring together local homelessness and housing providers to better coordinate service responses. This supports a key system shift under the recently released NSW Homelessness Strategy 2025-2035. These networks will drive greater coordination across services and bespoke responses to address service system gaps including for older people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. In addition, commissioning flexible and responsive five-year contracts for the Community and Family Support program (Communities and Justice) and Specialist Homelessness Services program (Homes NSW) will ensure a range of supports are available to meet the diverse needs of people and communities.

This is also backed by new investment through the \$100m Homelessness Innovation Fund, which supports homeless service innovation, including for older people. "

(136) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 13 the inquiry, which was "That the NSW Government urge the Australian Government to examine opportunities to increase social security payments, including an increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance." What action has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

(a) Minister, have you met with your Commonwealth colleagues to advocate for this?

I am advised:

This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.

(137) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 22 of the inquiry, which was "That the NSW Department of Communities and Justice make publicly available more data, specifically surrounding: social and priority housing waiting list data by age, gender,

disability status and geographic area; number of social and affordable housing dwellings available in New South Wales, including a breakdown of allocations by age and gender; and number of dwellings built under housing commitments in the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023, Social and Affordable Housing Fund, and Community Housing Innovation Fund.” What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

I am advised:

This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.

(138) The NSW government supported recommendation 24 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government develop a campaign to educate health professionals, social workers, police, and other relevant service providers about the nature of domestic and family violence as it manifests for older women and their families.” The government response referenced the Workforce Development Strategy which has since been released in August 2025; Action area 6.2 outlines the government’s intention to undertake an audit of existing training and consider training needed to strengthen workforce capability to understand the unique types and drivers of violence experienced by older women. Given that the government supported this recommendation over two years ago, can you please indicate a specific timeline for when this training will be developed?

(a) Will it extend to the sectors specified in the recommendation, including health, social worker sector and police?

I am advised:

"Homes NSW provides consistent onboarding training for all frontline housing staff,. This includes training on Trauma Informed Practice and an overview of Domestic and family Violence and wrap-around supports available for clients. All substantive Homes NSW Client Service Officers are required to complete the Certificate IV in Housing (Social Housing), as part of their employment. This includes the unit ‘Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence’.

A short training video has been developed for Homes NSW frontline staff, regarding Protecting the Elderly and Adult People with a Disability from Abuse, which applies to older women experiencing DFV."

Office of the Women’s Safety (OWSC) partnered with the Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) to deliver a project to upskill support networks and raise awareness and understanding to prevent, identify and respond to DFSV directed at of older women and women with disability.

The project involved development of capability building resources to upskill frontline workers, advocates and other formal support networks, including:

- o Four online training modules
- o A reflective practice guide
- o A safety planning resource
- o Five fact sheets

Resource roll out has commenced, with communications plans ongoing.

(139) The NSW government supported recommendation 25 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government review baseline funding for the specialist domestic and family violence sector to support older women at risk of homelessness due to domestic and family violence.” Since the government response was tabled on 30 January 2023, can you confirm whether the baseline funding for existing specialist domestic and family violence services has increased at all?

(a) Has the NSW government conducted any sort of review of baseline funding for the specialist domestic and family violence sector to support older women at risk of homelessness due to domestic and family violence, as described in recommendation 25?
 (b) Has any action at all been taken by the government in relation to this recommendation?

I am advised:

"There is no increase in funding specifically earmarked for the commissioning of existing SHS Program contracts. SHS commissioning will work within the existing funding envelope to increase flexibility and make it easier for organisations to do their work.

SHS Program contracts will be commissioned to 2031 under new five-year contracts commencing 1 July 2026. The objective is to provide stability and increased flexibility to the sector, enable service continuity, and support services in doing the work they do well.

Homes NSW will work with local service providers through a commissioning process that is the least disruptive to allow continued service delivery."

(140) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 26 of the inquiry, which was "That the NSW Government consider dedicating one of the already funded Core and Cluster refuges to pilot a crisis accommodation support service for older women who have experienced domestic and family violence." What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

(a) In the government's response, it noted that "there are no specific refuges targeting women over 55, however all new Core and Cluster women's refuges have the potential to support outcomes for older women experiencing DFV and homelessness." Has this changed since the response was tabled on 30 January 2023?

I am advised:

"(a) The position hasn't changed since the earlier response was tabled on 30 January 2023, indicating that: No specific Core and Cluster refuge targets women over 55. However, all new refuges have the potential to support older women experiencing DFV and homelessness.

Core and Cluster support is tailored to the needs of groups which includes Aboriginal women and children, women and children from CALD backgrounds, LGBTQI women women with disabilities and women of all ages. Within this broad eligibility, support and accessible accommodation provided through the Core and Cluster facilities will be targeted to women, with or without children, who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness due to DFV."

(141) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 32 of the inquiry, which was "That the NSW Government review and consider additional funding to Specialist Homelessness Services to provide more emergency and temporary accommodation, and transitional housing targeted to older people." What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

(a) Since the response was tabled on 30 January 2023, has the government provided any additional funding to Specialist Homelessness Services to provide more emergency and temporary accommodation, and transitional housing targeted to older people?

I am advised:

This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.

(142) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 38 of the inquiry, which was "That the NSW Government consider implementing a community awareness campaign targeted to older people about the risks of homelessness." What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.
(143) The NSW government supported recommendation 39 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government consider training and education that ensures frontline service providers have an understanding of the diverse experiences of older people and homelessness, and of how to appropriately interact with people seeking assistance.” What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?
I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.
(144) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 40 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government examine opportunities to streamline application processes for housing and support services, including reviewing documentation requirements and providing easy-to-read supporting materials, and ensuring the need for applicants to repeatedly retell their story is minimised.” What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?
I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.
(145) What is the NSW Labor Government doing to ensure economic abuse experienced by older women is properly researched, and adequate data is readily available?
I am advised: The NSW Government funds the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) to raise community awareness to reduce and prevent abuse of older people, including older women, and people living with a disability, receive and respond to reports of such abuse, and provide support and information. In 2025-26, the ADC is commencing work to take a closer look at its data on abuse types, including financial abuse. The work will include analysis of the demographic and other data of the parties involved.
(146) The Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing has suggested immediate actions to provide housing for Older women aged over 80 years and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women aged 55 years and over who are experiencing domestic violence and at risk of homelessness, and older people aged 55 to 65 years who are on Job Search Allowance, living under the poverty line, who are at risk of homelessness. What actions has the NSW Labor Government taken to address the needs of these two groups? (a) What budget allocation has been made to address these two groups? i. How does this compare to the previous 5 years? ii. Is this projected to decrease/increase in the coming 5 years? iii. How does this decrease/increase compare to the decrease/increase in population for these two groups?
I am advised: This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.
(147) Minister, are you aware of whether Treasury applied a gender and age lens in preparing this Budget, particularly in relation to housing and safety for older women?
I am advised: This is a question for the Treasurer.

(148) What is the government's plan to address the unique housing insecurity faced by older women in regional and rural NSW, where services are sparse and housing stock is limited?

I am advised. This is a question for the Minister for Housing and Homelessness.

(149) Why does NSW still not routinely disaggregate domestic and sexual violence data by age and gender, leaving older women's experiences largely invisible in reporting and resource allocation (they tend to be classed as 55+ or 65+)?

I am advised:

BOCSAR is responsible for publishing data on domestic violence and sexual violence victims in NSW. I am advised that BOCSAR has no objection to increasing the information available about older victims and BOCSAR will take steps to incorporate data specific to victims aged over 65 in future reporting. Additional age breakdowns for victims aged over 65 years are not provided in standard reporting due to the relatively low volume of victims aged over 65 years but are available on request.