

**The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC**  
Treasurer



### Supplementary question for written response

**Date question asked: 7 May 2024**

**Due LC: 10.00 am, 8 May 2024**

**The Hon. Mark Latham:**

Why is the Treasurer funding domestic violence programs as a primary prevention measure when evidence shows this approach has failed in Australia since it was first adopted by the Gillard government in 2011 and also failed internationally, especially in the European Union.

Does the Treasurer accept that by far the best predictor of a domestic violence perpetrator is someone previously convicted of this crime, a clear law and order issue. Why doesn't the government protect the women of NSW by keeping domestic violence perpetrators out of the community with much tougher penalties, refusing bail and lifting incarceration rates for these criminals instead of spending exponentially more money on a strategy that doesn't work?

### ANSWER

Prevention of domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV) is a complex issue that requires a balanced evidence-based approach. The NSW Government's work is informed by the lived experience of victim-survivors and expert advice to government, including from leaders in the domestic family and sexual violence sector who engaged directly with the NSW Cabinet last week.

The NSW Government is providing a \$230 million funding package that offers a coordinated, multi-pronged response that seeks to disrupt the cycle of DFSV early and permanently. This package will enhance support for DFSV victim-survivors and expand programs that reduce the rate of violence against women and children. It supports efforts that will have an impact over the short, medium, and long term by:

- strengthening existing supports for victim-survivors of DFSV, with a focus on risk and need
- investing in prevention and early intervention initiatives that disrupt DFSV before it escalates to crisis
- optimising the service system through better research and workforce development.

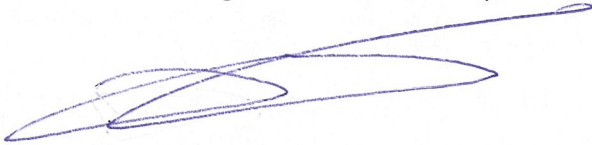
The package announced on Monday 6 May 2024 includes:

- \$48 million to roll out the Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV) program state-wide and to expand the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Service (IDFVS)
- \$45 million to improve bail laws and justice system responses to domestic violence, with measures to be announced in coming weeks
- Nearly \$24 million for specialist DV support workers within the justice system
- \$2 million over four years to support the Domestic Violence Death Review Team and its work to deliver robust research around risks factors, trends and impact of service delivery

- \$2.1 million over two years to improve and continue the Corrective Services program EQUIPS Domestic and Family Violence, delivered to offenders in custody and under supervision in the community to prevent reoffending
- \$48 million to secure and increase funding for workers who support children accompanying their mothers to refuges. These specialist workers support them, including with education and mental health measures
- Support of \$700,000 for the NSW Domestic Violence Line (DV Line)
- \$38 million for the implementation of NSW's first dedicated Primary Prevention Strategy
- \$8.1 million over four years for the 'All In' early childhood pilot, to prevent domestic violence by teaching young children about healthy relationships
- \$5 million for workforce training on the implementation of a newly developed risk assessment framework, and quality standards
- \$3.6 million to expand Domestic Violence NSW (DVNSW), which is the peak body for specialist services in New South Wales and
- \$5 million in funding for research into perpetrators and effective interventions.

Holding perpetrators accountable for their abusive behaviour is a key priority of the Government, and the Bail Act Monitoring Group is reviewing bail laws with respect to DFSV offenders.

If further changes to our laws and policies are required, we will implement them.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE

#### METRICS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT PACKAGE

##### QUESTION:

On 7 May 2024, the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC asked the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage, the following supplementary question for written answer:

*My supplementary question for written answer is directed to the Leader of the Government. For each of the components of the \$230 million domestic violence prevention and support package, what are the key metrics that will be used to measure whether, and to what extent, the funding for that component is improving women's safety and reducing domestic violence and whether those metrics will, in fact, elucidate whether that program is effective or not.*

##### ANSWER:

The NSW Government is committed to carefully evaluating all programs contained in the \$230 million package to enhance support for domestic, family and sexual violence victim-survivors and expand programs that reduce the rate of violence against women and children.

Existing programs being expanded already have program-specific objectives, tracked metrics, and monitoring and evaluation processes included within their program logic.

For new programs, including NSW's first dedicated Primary Prevention Strategy, outcomes will be monitored in accordance with the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFS) Outcomes, Monitoring and Reporting Framework, which is under development.

The DFS Outcomes, Monitoring and Reporting Framework is a key action under the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Plan 2022-2027 and the NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022-2027. It will identify and define outcomes, indicators, data sources and reporting mechanisms.

Monitoring the collective success of this package will include examining the movement in key prevention and domestic and family violence prevalence measures over time.

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To the greatest extent possible, monitoring and reporting will be aligned with monitoring and reporting processes to support the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032, including the National Outcomes Framework.



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