

## DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

### Service Delivery

- \$570,000 provided for crisis and transitional accommodation in Collie. (Noting this is general crisis and transitional accommodation, not family domestic violence specific). No new housing stock appears to have been provided for women leaving family and domestic violence situations.
- As per 2017/18 Budget commitment, \$5.8 million will be spent over the forward estimates period to establish and operate a new women's refuge in the Peel region. This service is expected to begin operations in 2019-20.
- \$4.3 million to implement the National Domestic Violence Order Scheme which was introduced via the Domestic Violence Orders (National Recognition) Bill 2017 –will be spent over the forward estimates period on ICT systems to support the integration of the National Order Reference System to improve the monitoring of domestic violence orders across Australia.
- \$1.1 million for the Kimberley family violence service. This is presumed to be a continuation of the existing pilot program.
- 20.5 million for Target 120 – includes domestic and family violence support amongst wider community safety support programs within this.
- Following a commitment from the last budget, establishment of a new 'Breathing Space' type model of service from 2019 – 20 to 2021 – 22 at a cost of 2.6 million.
- There does not appear to be mention of recommissioning the WA Police Specialist Domestic Violence Investigation Unit, funding for a monitoring trial for violent offenders or commitment to increased funding for health professionals in identifying signs of family domestic violence, which were previous commitments.

### Responsive Justice

- Change to criminal code to include finalisation of the Law Reform Commission's recommendations in regard to family violence. Government is also reviewing the Victims of Crime Act 1994 to ensure its relevancy.
- In 2018-19 amendments to the *Residential Tenancies Act 1987* will be introduced to Parliament. These will lead Australia in supporting victims of family violence to resolve tenancy issues.

### Early Intervention

- Introduction of the educational Respectful Relationships program in school curriculums and implementation of the Pet Referral project are underway, however neither of these programs appears to have ongoing funding provided.