

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WACOSS is pleased to see that family and domestic violence continues to be a focus area for government investment. This prioritising reflects the decision to create a Ministerial portfolio and appoint WA's inaugural Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence in 2017.

In sum, while the emphasis on improved response is welcome, we are concerned that there is a missed opportunity for comparable early intervention and prevention initiatives.

SERVICE DELIVERY

- \$5M to establish a new women's refuge in the Peel region. However there doesn't appear to be progress towards a second refuge as was also previously promised
- \$11.7M to establish two new Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hubs in Mirrabooka and Kalgoorlie, offering after hours crisis support and wrap around services fulfilling an election commitment
- \$1.1M has been allocated to the continued funding for the Kimberley Family Violence Service. There is no forward estimate provided for this service beyond 2020, possibly pending the outcome of the 10 year FDV Plan
- \$415K funding for the Pets in Crisis program

RESPONSIVE JUSTICE

- \$15.5M for Family and Domestic Violence monitoring unit, including 10 additional police providing 24hr electric monitoring of high-risk domestic violence offenders
- \$2.1M to provide specialist Family Domestic Violence training to all frontline police offices and develop a family violence code of practice and specific policies for Aboriginal victims

EARLY INTERVENTION

- Continued rollout of \$985K over four years towards Respectful Relationships as per 2017 election promise

ELDER ABUSE

- The Government has committed to fund advocacy and support services aimed at addressing elder abuse, with an additional \$1.2M to be spent over 2019-20 to 2022-23

RELATED LEGISLATION

- Changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act 1987* will assist those experiencing violence to exit a tenancy agreement or remain in the home and have the perpetrator removed from the agreement. Relevant regulations and budget for community education will be required