

Family Domestic Violence

Investments in this Budget will provide increased refuge capacity, support for women and children to stay safe in their homes, and expanded monitoring of perpetrators. WACOSS welcomes this recognition of the critical need to provide safety and support to people experiencing family and domestic violence. To prevent family and domestic violence, however, investment is required across the entire system of prevention and support. Without a comprehensive program of investment, we will continue to see family and domestic violence being perpetrated, putting women and children at risk of harm and ever-growing strain on support services.

WA Labor 2025 Election Commitments

Election Commitment	Frontline Police Optimisation - E-Monitoring
Status	<i>Partially Funded (BP2, V2, P400)</i>
Investment	\$15.64 million over 4 years
Description	Expanding electronic monitoring of FDV perpetrators who are on bail or supervised in the community.
Implications	<i>While these assist in monitoring repeat and high-risk family violence perpetrators, it does little to deter people from offending in the first place.</i>

Election Commitment	Family Violence Restraining Order Shuttle Conferencing
Status	<i>Partially Funded (BP2, V2, P414)</i>
Investment	\$2,869,000 over 1 year
Description	Shuttle conferencing is a method used in resolving Family Violence Restraining Order matters in which parties are placed in separate rooms at the Court and the Registrar 'shuttles' between the two rooms.
Implications	<i>This may increase the likelihood that Family Violence matters are resolved quickly and with less harm.</i>

Election Commitment	Preventing and Responding to FDV
Status	<i>Partially Funded (BP2, V2, P510)</i>
Investment	\$1,974,000
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$6 million over 3 years towards the FDV Taskforce System Reform Plan Workforce Entity \$1.5 million over 2 years for Coercive Control Education and First Responder Training
Implications	<i>These investments are the only two significant developments across a range of initiatives under prevention and response to FDV. Overall, we</i>

	<i>have seen a decrease in spending towards prevention, with even less projected spending over the next 3-4 years.</i>
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Initiative	Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) Initiatives
Status	<i>Partially funded (BP2, V2, P494)</i>
Investment	\$36 million
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$8.1 million over 3 years for FDV Support for Children and Young People \$1.53 million over 4 years for the Safe at Home program \$21.78 million over 4 years for the Safe House Uplift \$5.05 million for Targeted Family and Sexual Violence Frontline Services
Implications	<p><i>This includes the support towards planning and business case development for the expansion of Albany and Geraldton refuge capacity, and further expansions of FDV refuges at five locations across the State.</i></p> <p><i>The Safe at Home program will reach an additional seven locations, including several in regional Western Australia. While these initiatives support victim survivors of FDV, more funding is required in preventing FDV from happening in the first place.</i></p>

Other Significant Investments

Initiative	Broome Aboriginal-Led Specialist Family Violence Court
Investment	\$5,200,000 over 1 year (BP2, V2, P426)
Description	The Department continues with consultation and design work for an Aboriginal-led Specialist Family Violence Court in Broome to increase access to justice for Aboriginal people and reduce the trauma for victims to obtain violence restraining orders.
Implications	<i>This program has been funded since 2021 to establish the Broome court. Delays to its opening occurred in 2023 when it was due to open. The 2025/26 budget continues the project design work from 2021/22.</i>

Initiative	Family Violence Legislation Reform Act 2024
Investment	\$43,337,000 over 4 years (BP2, V2, P414)
Description	A significant amount of funding has been dedicated towards rolling out the Family Violence Legislation Reform Act 2024.
Implications	<i>This includes a series of enhancements and amendments to the previous Act, predominantly focused on the operation and effectiveness of electronic monitoring in WA and the roll-out of these initiatives across the State.</i>

