



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 272

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence, Hon Robyn Cahill
OAM MLA:

Recovery of Acquitted Underspends

A number of domestic, family and sexual violence (DSFV) services have reported being required to repay acquitted underspends from previous financial years, including as far back as 2020–21.

1. What policy or funding rule requires the recovery of previously acquitted underspends from DFSV service providers?
2. What specific rule or policy allows the Department to reopen previously acquitted funding years?
3. How much funding is the Department seeking to recoup in total, broken down by financial year and service provider? Please provide as a table.
 - a. If recovery amounts are not tracked by financial year and provider, in which system are they recorded, and at what level?
4. Can the Department confirm the funds were acquitted and accepted at the time under agreed conditions?
5. If the acquittals were accepted, on what basis are they now being reopened?
6. Under what circumstances does the Government consider it appropriate to reopen acquitted funding years for frontline services?