



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 264

## WRITTEN QUESTION

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

### **Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) Budget Underspend**

1. Budget Paper 3 shows funding for domestic, family and sexual violence reducing from \$71.5 million in the 2025 Budget, to \$66.1 million in the 2025–26 revised budget, and \$63.5 million in the 2026–27 Budget. Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the 2026–27 DFSV budget by:
  - a. Please identify by name each initiative, program and service provider funded from that allocation, with the amount appropriated to each and the output group or cost centre against which it is recorded.
  - b. How does each compare with the amount appropriated in 2025–26?
  - c. If domestic, family and sexual violence expenditure is not separately costed by initiative, in which system is it recorded, and at what level of disaggregation?
2. Why has the DFSV budget reduced by approximately \$8 million from the 2025 Budget to the 2026–27 Budget?
3. The 2025–26 revised outcome is more than \$5 million below the original budget allocation.
  - a. What explains this underspend?
  - b. What happens to the underspent amount — is it returned to Treasury?
  - c. Please state the amount underspent against each initiative or program, or where that is not recorded, the level at which underspend is tracked.

4. The Government has repeatedly referred to a \$36 million annual commitment to domestic, family and sexual violence services.
  - a. How is that commitment reflected in the 2026–27 Budget?
  - b. Is the full \$36 million additional to existing DFSV funding?