



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 265

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) Strategy Implementation

1. **The Government has committed \$36 million annually for domestic, family and sexual violence initiatives. How much of this funding is specifically allocated to partnerships with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?**

In 2025-26, the Northern Territory (NT) Government provided \$2.9 million from the \$36 million total to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations (ACCOs) for delivery of domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV) related services.

- a. **Which organisations, and what amount is allocated to each?
Please provide as a table.**

Refer Attachment A – Summary of Allocated Grant Funding.

2. **What is the timeline for rolling out these funding agreements?**

Funding agreements have commenced at different times, with new funding allocated to new agreements and services from 2025.

- a. **What are the start and end dates of the funding rollout?**

Refer Attachment A – Summary of Allocated Grant Funding. This shows funding period for each grant program.

3. **The strategy establishes a centralised DFSV Training and Resource Centre to deliver Risk Assessment and Management Framework training. What is the operational budget for this centre?**

The allocated budget for the DFSV Training and Resource Centre (TRC) is \$1.5 million.

- a. **When did training begin?**

The DFSV Training and Resource Centre (TRC) is not yet operational and has not commenced delivery of training.

Risk Assessment and Management Framework (RAMF) training continues to be coordinated and delivered by the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

b. How many universal and specialist workers have begun the training?

The DFSV Training and Resource Centre (TRC) is not yet operational and has not commenced delivery of training.

c. How many universal and specialist workers are expected to complete RAMF training in the next 12 months?

The 2026-27 Budget - Agency Budget Statements (Budget Paper No. 3 - page 241) provides for a target of 600 or more workers to complete RAMF training.

4. The DFSV Reduction Action Plan commits to reviewing and reforming the Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007. The Administrative Arrangements Order commenced 1 June 2026 allocates Chapter 5A of that Act to the Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence and the remainder of the Act to the Attorney-General.

a. Which Chapters or Parts of the Act does the review cover?

The DFSV Reduction Strategy 2025-2028 (Strategy 2025-28) is the current strategy for DFSV initiatives across NT. There is no commitment in Strategy 2025-28 to review and reform the *DFV Act 2007* (the DFV Act).

Section 124U of the DFV Act provides that the Information Commissioner must review the first 2 years of operation of Chapter 5A (Information Sharing), and the 3rd and 5th years of operation of Chapter 5A.

An NT Information Commissioner review of the DFV Information Sharing regime was published in 2024. There has been no further review of the Act since that time.

b. Which Minister is responsible for introducing the resulting amendments to the Assembly?

There has not been a review of the Act with proposed amendments.

c. What advice has the Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence provided to the Attorney-General in relation to the review, and on what dates?

Refer to response to Question 4.b.

d. What is the timeframe for introducing the reforms, and what are the proposed start and conclusion dates for the reform process?

Refer to response to Question 4.b.

- e. What consultation processes are funded to support that review, and from which budget output is that funding drawn?**

Refer to response to Question 4.b.

- f. What are the proposed start and concluding dates for that consultation?**

Refer to response to Question 4.b.

- 5. Budget Paper No. 3 for 2026–27 reports five measures for the domestic, family and sexual violence output. Four of them are: domestic and family violence workers completing Risk Assessment Management Framework training at 750 against a target of 530, with a 2026–27 target of at least 600; eligible referrals to domestic and family violence behaviour change programs at 230 against a target of 170, with the 2026–27 target retained at 170; clients supported to develop DFSV safety plans at 3,300 against a target of at least 3,500; and bed nights clients stayed at a women's safe house at 33,000 against a target of at least 35,000. The fifth, Circuit Breaker cases commenced, is put separately to the Minister for Children and Families.**

- a. The 2026–27 targets for training completions and for behaviour change referrals are both set below the numbers delivered in 2025–26. Note 1 describes the 2026-27 training target as an increase, which is against the 2025-26 target of 530 but not against the 750 delivered. Is a reduction against delivered numbers intended in each case and, if so, why?**

As part of the budget development process, key performance indicators (KPIs) undergo annual review. The published estimate for 2025-26, is a projected end of financial year result based on activity data reported in the first 6 months of that year. The target set for the 2026-27 budget takes into account the previous year's performance.

The RAMF KPI was introduced in 2023-24, with a baseline target of 530 workers completing the training. In 2026-27, the baseline target has been increased to ≥ 600 workers completing the training, based on the assumption that the previous year's performance will continue, and 600 or more workers will complete RAMF training.

The KPI for eligible referrals to DFV Behaviour Change Programs was introduced in 2025-26. Referral volumes are influenced by a range of factors outside DCF's direct control, including service demand, referral pathways, court and justice processes and client eligibility. As a new indicator, retaining the target at 170 reflects a modest baseline while continuing to support access to behaviour change interventions across the NT.

- b. **The variation in safety plans is attributed to “lower recorded safety plans completed in engagement with victim survivors”. How many victim-survivors were engaged, and for what proportion was a safety plan completed?**

During 2025-26, 16,733 victim-survivors were engaged through specialist DFSV services.

Of the 6,474 closed support periods where a safety plan was in place, 2,689 (41.5%) recorded all safety plan goals as achieved.

Of the remaining safety plans, 605 (9.3%) recorded no goals achieved, 1,861 (28.7%) recorded up to half of goals achieved, and 1,319 (20.4%) recorded half or more goals achieved.

Safety Plan Outcome	Count	Safety Plans in Place (%)
Safety plans in place	6,474	100
<i>No goals achieved</i>	605	9.3
<i>Up to half goals achieved</i>	1,861	28.7
<i>Half or more goals achieved</i>	1,319	20.4
<i>All goals achieved (completed)</i>	2,689	41.5
Total	6,474	100

Note: The above data is provided for women’s safe houses (WSH) operated by NGOs that use a national client management system (Specialist Homelessness Services Information Platform (SHIP)) to record client support and safety plan activity. The reported safety plan data does not include NT Government-operated remote WSH, which manually report on the count of safety plans commenced for clients presenting at the WSH.

- c. **The variation in bed nights is attributed to clients “accessing non-residential supports”. How many clients accessed non-residential supports in 2025–26, how does that compare with the two preceding years, and how many were turned away from a safe house for want of a bed?**

2025-26 data relating to unmet demand and clients accessing non-residential supports is not currently available as it is released quarterly in arrears as part of national reporting arrangements.

d. If turn-aways are not recorded, in which system is a request for a safe house place recorded, and in what format?

Requests for WSH accommodation are managed and recorded by individual service providers through local intake and case management processes. SHIP is used by WSH operated by NGOs to record client support and crisis accommodation, however not all WSH record when clients are not able to be accommodated in SHIP.

The NT Government is working with the sector to strengthen data capture and reporting capability to support improved accuracy and consistency in future reporting of unmet demand under Strategy 2025-28.

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) Reduction 3.1 - Attachment A

Summary of DFSV Grant Funding by Service Type from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026¹

Domain 1: Primary Prevention – Aims to stop violence before it occurs				\$36 M allocation to ACCOs
Aboriginal Led Prevention Grants - Enables Aboriginal community-controlled organisations (ACCOs) to design and deliver projects that address the root causes of DFSV and strengthen community safety, leadership and cultural connections. (NTG Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2025 – 30/06/2028.				
Jaowyn Association Aboriginal Corporation	Ngalmuka Healing - Our Way	Big Rivers	\$330,000	
Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation	Strong Men Leading Change	Big Rivers	\$120,000	
Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation	Dälkum Yolŋu Gurruṯu (Strengthening Yolŋu Kinship) Project	Arnhem	\$278,100	
Total			\$728,100	
Primary Prevention Grants - Aims to increase and strengthen evidence based primary prevention projects in the Northern Territory (NT) and support primary prevention projects that challenge and change social and cultural attitudes, practices and structures that underpin DFSV (NTG Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2026 to 30/06/2028.				
Akeyulerre Aboriginal Corporation	Utyerre Mape – Strong Men, Safe Families	Central	\$200,000	Y
Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation	Growing Strongbala Men for Family & Community Safety	Big Rivers	\$200,000	Y
Lankurna Pty Ltd	From Crisis to Stability: Identification Pathways for DFV Prevention	NT Wide	\$200,000	Y
Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation	Strong Families, Safe Community: A Community-Led Primary Prevention Action Plan for Wandawuy	Arnhem	\$200,000	Y
MusicNT Incorporated	The All Good Project: Embedding an Industry Standard for Safer Music Venues and Festivals	NT Wide	\$100,000	
Ruby Gaea Darwin Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc	Schools Based DFSV Primary Prevention Program	Greater Darwin	\$200,000	
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	Collaborative Pathways: DFSV Primary Prevention for Women with Disabilities	Central	\$200,000	
Yalu Aboriginal Corporation	DFSV Primary Prevention Education on Remote Homelands and Communities	Arnhem	\$200,000	Y
YWCA Australia	YWCA Primary Prevention Advocacy Group (YPPAG)	Greater Darwin	\$200,000	Y
Total			\$1,700,000	

¹ Note that some grant recipients received their funding for 2026-27 service delivery in June 2026 as advance payments for service delivery.

Domain 1: Primary Prevention – Aims to stop violence before it occurs				\$36 M allocation to ACCOs
Primary Prevention –Women’s Family Safety Group - Provides a culturally responsive approach to address DFV for women and children in Alice Springs Town Camps through primary prevention of DFSV (NTG Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2018 to 30/06/2023.				
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	Tangentyere Women’s Family Safety Group	Central	\$390,988	
Total			\$390,988	
Sexual Violence Prevention Grants - Aims to prevent and respond to sexual violence within and outside the DFV context, in partnership with non-government organisations (NGOs) and local communities (NTG Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2025 to 30/06/2028.				
Ruby Gaea Darwin Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc	Ruby Gaea Darwin Centre Against Sexual Violence	Greater Darwin	\$201,666	
Thamarrurr Development Corporation Inc	Play Therapy and Consent Workshops	Top End	\$201,666	Y
Galiwin'ku Women's Space	Dhatam Primary Prevention Program	Arnhem	\$403,332	
Total			\$806,664	
Our Watch Primary Prevention Officer - Funds a dedicated NT based resource to further NTG and Our Watch collaboration. Our Watch are Australia's independent organisation to prevent violence against women and children (NTG Funding with contribution from OurWatch). Funding period is 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2030.				
Our Watch	Our Watch Primary Prevention Officer	NT Wide	\$192,000	
Total			\$192,000	
NO More - Aboriginal led initiative which addresses prevention of DFV through a whole of community approach. NO MORE works with men, service providers and the wider community to develop local responses to reduce DFSV (NTG Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2029.				
Catholic Care NT	NO More	NT Wide	\$399,206	
Total			\$399,206	
Domain 1 Total			\$4,216,958	

Domain 2: Early Intervention and Accountability – Aims to identify DFSV early, stop it escalating and prevent it from reoccurring				\$36 million allocation to ACCOs
Men's Behaviour Change Programs - Provides programs in community settings for people who have committed DFV to address behaviours. (NTG and Australian Government Funding). Funding period for CCNT and TCAC is 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2028; Wurli's funding period is 01/07/2024 to 30/07/2027.				
CatholicCare NT	Men's Behaviour Change Program – Darwin and Wadeye	Top End	\$2,459,027	
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	Men's Behaviour Change Program – Alice Springs	Central	\$1,263,410	Y
Wurli Wurlinjang	Men's Behaviour Change Program – Katherine	Big Rivers	\$820,803	
Total			\$4,543,240	
Co-Responder Program - Aims to support organisations that support victims and people using violence to work alongside police and child protection to collaboratively respond to DFSV incidents in the NT (NTG Funding). Funding period is 01/06/2024 to 30/06/2026.				
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	Co-Responder Practitioner – Men's Behaviour Change	Central	\$160,000	Y
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	Co-Responder Practitioners (2) – Women's Safety	Central	\$319,236	
Total			\$479,236	
Early Intervention Grants – Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) –2026-2029 - Early intervention grant pilot programs to support boys and young men aged 12-25 starting to use IPV. Funding is intended to support new projects that can demonstrate effective, local approaches and contribute to sector learning. (Australian Government Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2026 to 30/06/2029.				
Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation	Whole-of-Community IPV Intervention Program	Arnhem	\$465,279	
Australian Childhood Foundation	Pathways to Safer Relationships	Greater Darwin	\$486,221	
ECB Training Services Pty Ltd	Breaking the Cycle: An Integrated First Nations Early Intervention Framework for Young Men and Boys Using IPV in Urban and Remote NT	Greater Darwin	\$299,500	
Total			\$1,251,000	
Early Intervention Grants 2023-2027 - Aims to increase the capability of services that engage with young people in the NT to identify DFV behaviours early and stop them from escalating and to reduce the prevalence of young people between the ages of 11 and 18 years either using or experiencing DFSV (NTG Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2027.				
Catholic Care NT	Youth Behaviour Change Program	Greater Darwin	\$379,405	
Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation	Walking a New Path Together: (Early intervention activities for young people using or at-risk of using DFSV)	Big Rivers	\$379,405	
Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	Step Up! Respect: (Engaging young people and influencers in transformative conversations)	Central	\$379,405	
Total			\$1,138,215	

Early Intervention – DFV Children's Service to Aboriginal Youth (12-17 years) Provides a specialist DFV children's service to Aboriginal youth in Alice Springs to provide early intervention and reduce the risk of further exposure to DFV (NTG Funding). **Funding period is 01/07/2018 to 30/06/2023.**

Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation	DFV Children's Service to Aboriginal Youth	Central	\$645,928	
			\$645,928	
Domain 2 Total			\$8,057,619	

Domain 3: Response, Recovery and Healing - support for victim survivors to reduce the impacts of DFSV and address trauma				\$36 million allocation to ACCOs
Crisis Accommodation and Wraparound Support - Supports frontline services to deliver crisis accommodation, counselling, outreach, flexible support packages, RAMF implementation, supervision, practice management, and specialist children's workers (NTG and Australian Government Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2028.				
Barkly Regional Council	Ali Curung and Elliot Safe Houses	Barkly	\$710,326	
Catholic Care NT	Milikapiti and Nauiyu Safe Houses	Top End	\$1,171,517	
DAIWS Corporation	DAIWS Shelter	Greater Darwin	\$2,626,002	
Dawn House Inc	Dawn House Shelter	Greater Darwin	\$2,157,455	
Galiwin'ku Women's Space	Galiwin'ku Women's Space Shelter	Arnhem	\$1,105,239	
Katherine Women's Crisis Centre Inc	Katherine Women's Crisis Centre	Big Rivers	\$2,073,566	
Mabunji Aboriginal Corporation	Borrooloola Safe House	Big Rivers	\$155,057	
North Australia Aboriginal Family Legal Service	Miyalk Shelter Nhulunbuy	Arnhem	\$1,069,489	
One Tree Community Services Inc	Wadeye and Gunbalanya Safe Houses	Top End	\$1,926,107	
Tennant Creek Women's Refuge Inc	Tennant Creek Women's Refuge	Barkly	\$1,655,831	
The Trustee for the Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	Catherine Booth House and Palmerston Shelter	Greater Darwin	\$3,019,687	
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	Women's Safety Services of Central Australia Shelter	Central	\$4,601,650	
YWCA Australia	5 Safe Houses and Keeping Women Safe in their Homes program	Greater Darwin	\$1,922,928	
Total			\$24,194,854	
Rebuilding The Economy - Further support frontline services with for flexible support packages, RAMF implementation and operational costs (mainly NTG with some additional Australian Government Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2026.				
Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit	Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit	Central	\$122,507	
Central Australian Women's Legal Service	Central Australian Women's Legal Service	Central	\$108,638	
DAIWS Aboriginal Corporation	DAIWS Shelter	Greater Darwin	\$175,760	
Darwin Community Legal Service	Darwin Community Legal Service	Greater Darwin	\$94,769	
Dawn House Inc	Dawn House Shelter	Greater Darwin	\$175,670	

Domain 3: Response, Recovery and Healing - support for victim survivors to reduce the impacts of DFSV and address trauma				\$36 million allocation to ACCOs
Galiwin'ku Women's Space	Galiwin'ku Women's Space Shelter	Arnhem	\$106,327	
Katherine Women's Crisis Centre Inc	Katherine Women's Crisis Centre	Big Rivers	\$67,032	
Katherine Women's Information Legal Service	Katherine Women's Information Legal Service	Big Rivers	\$123,431	
Mission Aviation Flights International	DFSV Emergency Response Flights	Arnhem	\$46,229	
NAAFLS	DFV Shelter	Arnhem	\$94,769	
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	Kungas Stopping Violence	Top End	\$115,572	
NT Working Women's Centre	NT Working Women's Centre	NT Wide	\$53,163	
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation	Central	\$124,818	
NT Legal Aid Commission	DV Legal Service	NT Wide	\$115,572	
Ruby Gaea Darwin Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc	Ruby Gaea Darwin Centre Against Sexual Violence	Greater Darwin	\$67,032	
Tennant Creek Women's Refuge Inc	Tennant Creek Women's Refuge	Barkly	\$184,916	
The Trustee for the Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	Catherine Booth House and Palmerston Shelter	Greater Darwin	\$175,670	
Top End Women's Legal Service	Top End Women's Legal Service	Top End	\$122,507	
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	Women's Safety Services of Central Australia Shelter	Central	\$175,670	
YWCA Australia	YWCA	Greater Darwin	\$175,670	
Total			\$2,425,722	
Crisis Accommodation 10% Uplift - Supports frontline services to deliver crisis accommodation, counselling, outreach, flexible support packages, RAMF implementation, supervision, practice management, and specialist children's workers (NTG Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2025 to 30/06/2028.				
Barkly Regional Council	Ali Curung and Elliot Safe Houses	Barkly	\$43,792	
Catholic Care NT	Milikapiti and Nauiyu Safe Houses	Top End	\$67,225	
DAIWS Aboriginal Corporation	DAIWS Shelter	Greater Darwin	\$250,520	Y
Dawn House Inc	Dawn House Shelter	Greater Darwin	\$203,665	
Galiwin'ku Women's Space	Galiwin'ku Women's Space Shelter	Arnhem	\$73,444	Y
Katherine Women's Crisis Centre Inc	Katherine Women's Crisis Centre	Big Rivers	\$195,276	

Domain 3: Response, Recovery and Healing - support for victim survivors to reduce the impacts of DFSV and address trauma				\$36 million allocation to ACCOs
Mabunji Aboriginal Corporation	Borroloola Safe House	Big Rivers	\$11,544	Y
North Australia Aboriginal Family Legal Service	Miyalk Shelter Nhulunbuy	Arnhem	\$94,869	Y
One Tree Community Services Inc	Wadeye and Gunbalanya Safe Houses	Top End	\$132,019	
Tennant Creek Womens Refuge Inc	Tennant Creek Women's Refuge	Barkly	\$153,503	
The Trustee for the Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	Catherine Booth House and Palmerston Shelter	Greater Darwin	\$289,888	
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	Women's Safety Services of Central Australia Shelter	Central	\$448,085	
YWCA Australia	5 Safe Houses	Greater Darwin	\$116,230	
Total			\$2,080,060	
DFSV Specialist Court - Aims to provide non-legal support to DFV victim survivors who are involved in court proceedings at the Alice Springs Local Court (NTG funding). Funding period is 01/06/2024 to 31/05/2027 for CAAFLU and CAWLS; WoSSCA is 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2027.				
Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit	DFSV Specialist Court	Central	\$120,659	Y
Central Australian Women's Legal Service	DFSV Specialist Court	Central	\$120,659	
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	DFSV Specialist Court	Central	\$120,659	
Total			\$361,977	
DFV Infrastructure – Funding for Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter to increase transitional housing infrastructure. Funding period is 15/06/2023 to 19/03/2026.				
DAIWS Aboriginal Corporation	DFSV Infrastructure capital works	Greater Darwin	\$1,180,000	
Total			\$1,180,000	
Domain 3 Total			\$30,242,613	

Domain 4: Systemic Enablers and Reform - effective architecture for a coordinated and evidence based system				\$36M Allocation to ACCOs
RAMF Champions - Aims to support universal services to implement RAMF to grow capability in DFV informed practice and understanding (currently Australian Government Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2027.				
CatholicCare NT	RAMF Champion	Greater Darwin	\$146,900	
Relationships Australia NT	RAMF Champion	Greater Darwin	\$146,900	
One Tree Community Services Inc	RAMF Champion	Top End	\$146,900	
Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation	RAMF Champion	Arnhem	\$146,900	Y
Central Australia Aboriginal Congress	RAMF Champion	Central	\$146,900	
NT Council of Social Service	RAMF Champion Coordination	NT Wide	\$150,000	
Total			\$884,500	
DFSV Policy Officers - Funds dedicated DFSV Policy roles within peak organisations to support sector involvement in policy implementation and furthers collaboration between NT Government and NGOs (NTG Funding). Funding period is 01/12/2021 to 01/12/2026.				
NT Council of Social Service	DFSV Policy Officer	NT Wide	\$197,405	
Total			\$197,405	
DFSV Research Grants - strengthen the evidence base for DFSV prevention in the NT and build local research capability. This grant is funded through the Commonwealth Federal Financial Agreement partnership (Australian Government Funding). Funding period is 01/07/2026 to 30/06/2029.				
Menzies School of Health Research	Voices over Time: A Longitudinal Lived-Experience Investigation into DFSV Service Navigation across Greater Darwin and Palmerston	Greater Darwin	\$120,000	
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	"I'm worried for my kids" research project, Kungas Project	Central	\$30,000	
Ms Hayley Tuttle, in partnership with Bond University	Examining the Impact of Mandatory Sentencing for DV Order (DVO) Breaches in the NT	NT Wide	\$50,000	
Total			\$200,000	
Domain 4 Total			\$1,281,905	

Grant Funding Attributed to DFSV. Funding period is 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2028.				
Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation	Circuit Breaker	Barkly	\$391,000	
Menzies School Of Health Research	Child and Youth Development Research Partnership	NT Wide	\$28,657	
NT Council Of Social Service			\$21,967	
Total			\$441,624	
FSV Service Funding - NT - 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026		Grand Total	\$44,240,718	