

## Estimates Committee 2016

### Questions Taken On Notice

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**From:** Ms Lynne Walker to Hon John Elferink  
Attorney-General & Justice

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**Question:** **4-3**  
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**Answer:**  
Answered On: 07/07/2016

# **ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

## **Question Taken on Notice**

**Date:** 16 June 2016 **Output:** 5.1

**Subject:** Funding and delivery of services for the Safety is Everyone's Right Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy 2014-2017 by NGOs

**From:** Ms Lynne Walker MLA

**To:** Hon John Elferink, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

**Agency:** Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

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**Number:** 4.3

**Question:** Minister, can you advise of the 30 NGOs delivering services, their locations, how service delivery is being integrated and the amount of funding allocated to each NGO?

**Answer:**

The Safety is Everyone's Right Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy 2014 – 2017 aims to increase the safety of victims and their children, reduce rates of intergenerational trauma caused by exposure to domestic and family violence, increase accountability of perpetrators and establish integrated service delivery systems that are sustainable and adaptable.

An integrated response is being delivered by mobilising frontline workers across eight critical points of intervention and ensuring that every contact between a victim and a frontline worker (both in government and non-government organisation (NGO) services) results in the victim receiving appropriate support and, where needed, a referral to a relevant organisation. The partnering between NGOs and NT Government is a critical component of this process.

### **Local Reference Groups**

The NGO sector is heavily involved in Local Reference Groups that have been established in Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek and participate in monthly meetings to ensure local expertise informs the implementation of the Strategy.

To date, 62 government and non-government organisations are represented in these Groups. These comprise of 19 Government organisations, 16 Aboriginal organisations and 27 other non-government organisations.

### **Family Safety Framework**

The Family Safety Framework has been introduced in Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Yuendumu specifically to provide an action-based, integrated service response to high risk domestic and family violence victims and their children.

The Framework is a co-ordinated effort between key agencies and is led by NT Police in partnership with key NT Government agencies and NGOs. Family Safety Frameworks meet fortnightly.

As at June 2016, 1560 NT Government and NGO frontline workers have been trained and 861 victims and their children have been referred in. Approximately 90% of victims referred in have not been re-referred, indicating a significant reduction in their risk of homicide or further serious harm.

### **SupportLink**

SupportLink is a client focused electronic referral system that improves efficiency and service delivery across government and non-government service providers as it enables frontline staff to refer victims and their children to support services that best meet their needs. SupportLink also has the capacity to monitor when action has been undertaken by the referred agency and service uptake. This is a simple yet innovative client focused tool that ensures victims receive appropriate support for as long as needed. Since the Strategy launch in September 2014, 1257 victims have been referred in, with 104 Territory wide partners signed up to receive referrals.

### **Critical Intervention Outreach Services**

Under the Strategy, funding is provided to the non-government sector to deliver culturally appropriate domestic and family violence services to Indigenous victims and their children.

In Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Darwin and Katherine, Critical Intervention Outreach Services provide holistic and culturally appropriate case management and targeted outreach support to Indigenous women and their children experiencing domestic and family violence. Service extends to 16 Indigenous communities and 29 town camps, with 1354 client referrals received since July 2015.

### **Domestic Violence Specialist Children's Service**

Funding has been provided for the establishment of a Domestic Violence Specialist Children's Service in Alice Springs, which provides targeted support to Aboriginal youth aged between 12 and 17 years, who have been affected by domestic and family violence either as a victim or perpetrator. The Service has been operational since March 2016 and has already received 30 client referrals, including one teenage parent.

## Sexual Assault Specialist

A Sexual Assault Specialist has been funded to provide direct client support to Indigenous victims of sexual assault as it occurs within the context of domestic and family violence. The Sexual Assault Specialist operates out of the Alice Springs Women's Shelter and service is extended to four remote Indigenous communities and 19 Town Camps.

The following programs and services are funded through the Strategy:

<b>Funded programs and services</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>\$ (over 2 years)</b>
1	Alice Springs Women's Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crisis Accommodation/Urban Service</li><li>• Critical Intervention Outreach Service</li><li>• Sexual Assault Specialist</li></ul>	\$900,000.00 \$900,000.00 \$230,000.00
2	Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical Intervention Outreach Service</li></ul>	\$900,000.00
3	Katherine Women's Crisis Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical Intervention Outreach Service</li></ul>	\$600,000.00
4	Tangentyere Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Domestic Violence Specialist Children's Service</li></ul>	\$800,000.00
5	Tennant Creek Women's Refuge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical Intervention Outreach Service</li></ul>	\$600,000.00
6	SupportLink Australia	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,930,000.00</b>

The department is in the process of collating information relating to grants of funding to NGOs for domestic violence at a whole of government level.

### Attachments:

- A Safety is Everyone's Right Strategy on a page
- B Safety is Everyone's Right Partnership Map
- C Local Reference Group Membership
- D Family Safety Framework Participating Agencies
- E SupportLink Territory Wide Partner Agencies



# Safety is Everyone's Right

## Our Vision

A Territory that is free from domestic and family violence; where women and children are safe.

## Aims of the Strategy

The Northern Territory Government's Strategy aims to increase the safety of victims and their children, reduce rates of intergenerational trauma caused by exposure to domestic and family violence, increase accountability of perpetrators and establish integrated service delivery systems that are sustainable and adaptable.

The Strategy is directly aligned with the 'Framing the Future' blueprint and the 'National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022'. The five key areas of action are;

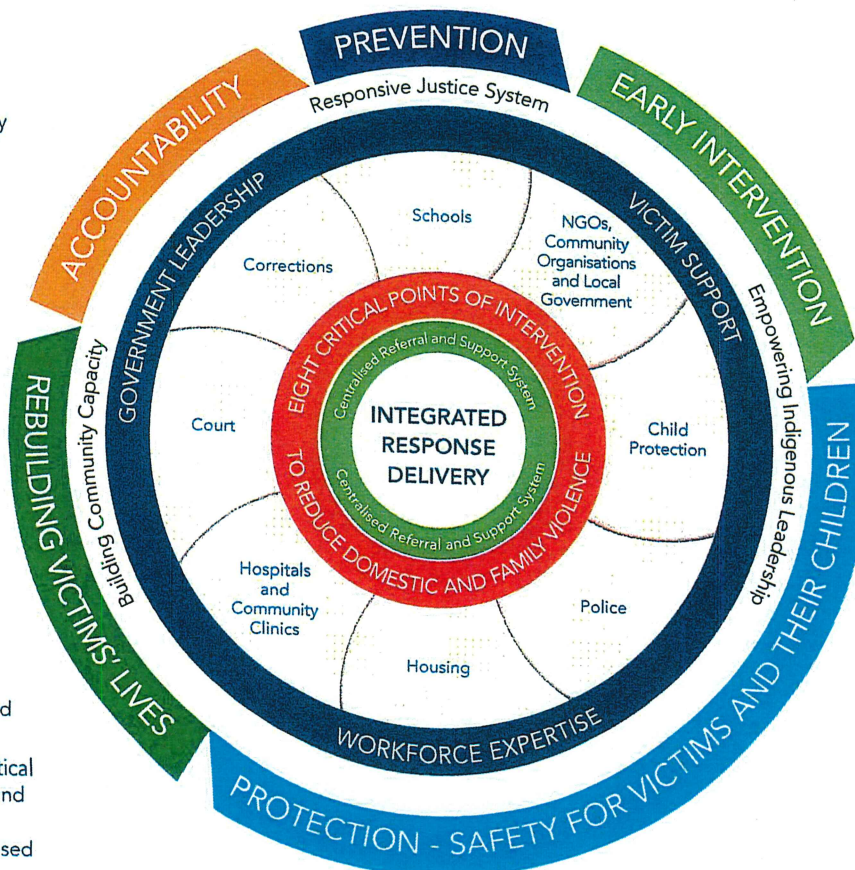
## An Integrated Response led by the Northern Territory Government

The key to the Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy is an integrated response that addresses the negative impact of service fragmentation has upon vulnerable persons.

An integrated response will be achieved by mobilising staff across Eight Critical Points of Intervention and ensuring that every contact between a victim and a frontline worker (both in government and NGO services) results in the victim receiving appropriate support and, where needed, a referral to a relevant organisation.

## Key Components of the Strategy

- The Domestic Violence Directorate to provide leadership and support
- A centralised referral system – SupportLink – to identify victims and intervene early
- The Family Safety Framework – to protect high risk victims from further harm
- Specialised support services for victims and their children – to protect and help victims rebuild their lives
- A Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Framework
- Indigenous Men's Leadership Grants that prevent, respond and speak out against violence towards women and children
- Building the capacity of front line workers across the Eight Critical Points of Intervention through improved information sharing and domestic violence training
- Ensuring all NT funded perpetrator programs are evidence based and comply with National Standards
- Reviewing all domestic and family violence legislation



For further information contact the Domestic Violence Directorate on ph 8935 7671.

### 1. Prevention

- Develop an evidence based Prevention Framework for the Northern Territory
- Support Indigenous leaders to drive domestic and family violence prevention
- Build community capacity

### 2. Early intervention

- Intervene early to prevent violence
- Develop and trial new models to improve and strengthen Police responses
- Improve responses to children exposed to domestic violence, with Indigenous children as a priority

### 3. Protection – safety for victims

- Enhance the first point of contact for victims
- Build the expertise and capacity of the workforce to identify and respond effectively to domestic and family violence, including sexual assault

### 4. Rebuilding the lives of victims and their children

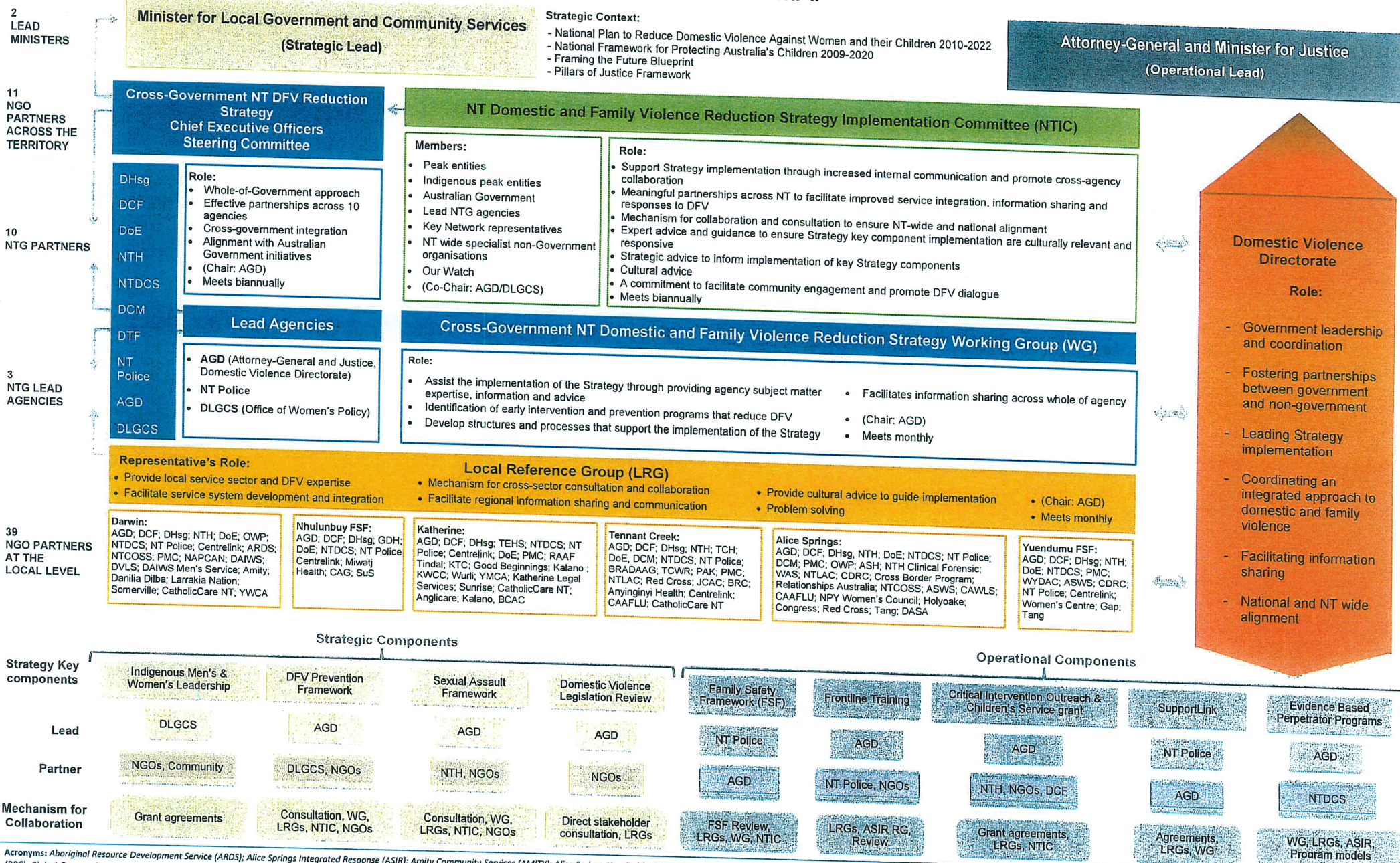
- Support and expand specialist domestic violence and sexual assault services to deliver responses that meet needs
- Support culturally responsive services
- Adopt a strengths based approach to rebuilding victims' lives

### 5. Accountability and positive change for perpetrators

- Reduce recidivism
- Establish mechanisms to improve system accountability
- Develop evidence-based behaviour change programs



## PARTNERSHIP MAP



Acronyms: Aboriginal Resource Development Service (ARDS); Alice Springs Integrated Response (ASIR); Amity Community Services (AMITY); Alice Springs Hospital (ASH); Alice Springs Integrated Response Reference Group (ASIR RG); Alice Springs Women's Shelter (ASWS); Barkly Regional Alcohol & Drug Advisory Group (BRADAAG); Barkly Regional Council (BRC); Binjari Community Aboriginal Corporation (BCAC); Central Australian Women's Legal Service (CAWLS); Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (Congress); Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit (CAAFLU); Central Desert Regional Council (CDRC); Crisis Accommodation Gove (CAG); Danila Dilba Medical Services (Danila Dilba); Darwin Aboriginal Islander Women's Service (DAIWS); Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (AGD); Department of Chief Minister (DCM); Department of Children and Families (DCF); Department of Correctional Services (NTDCS); Department of Education (DoE); Department of Housing (DHsg); Department of Local Government and Community Services (DLGCS); Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF); Domestic Violence Legal Service (DVLS); Drug and Alcohol Services Association (DASA); Gap Youth Services (GAP); Jukalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC); Kalano Aboriginal Association (Kalano); Katherine Town Council (KTC); Katherine Women's Crisis Centre (KWCC); Katherine Women's End Health Service (TEHS); Tangentyere Council (Tang); Tennant Creek Women's Refuge (TCWR); Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC); Wirli Wurlinjang Health Service (Wirli); Witness Assistance Service (WAS).



# Safety is Everyone's Right

Northern Territory Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy 2014-2017

## Local Reference Groups Membership List

1	Aboriginal Resource and Development Services	Aboriginal / NGO	32	Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	
2	Alice Springs Women's Shelter	NGO	33	National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect	Aboriginal / NGO
3	Amity Community Services	NGO	34	North Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service	NGO
4	AngliCare NT	NGO	35	North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	Aboriginal / NGO
5	Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation	Aboriginal / NGO	36	Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission	Aboriginal / NGO
6	Australian Red Cross	NGO	37	NPY Women's Council	Gov
7	Bagot Community	Aboriginal	38	NT Council of Social Services	Aboriginal / NGO
8	Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group Inc.	NGO	39	Papulu Apparr-kari Aboriginal Corporation	NGO
9	Barkly Regional Council	Gov	40	Relationship Australia	Aboriginal / NGO
10	Binjari Community Aboriginal Corporation	Aboriginal / NGO	41	Royal Australian Air Force	NGO
11	Catherine Booth House	NGO	42	Sommerville Community Services	Aust. Gov
12	CatholicCare NT	NGO	43	Tangentyere Council	NGO
13	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress	Aboriginal / NGO	44	Tennant Creek Woman's Refuge	Aboriginal / NGO
14	Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit	Aboriginal / NGO	45	Top End Association for Mental Health	NGO
15	Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service	Aboriginal / NGO	46	Top End Women's Legal Service	NGO
16	Central Australian Women's Legal Services	NGO	47	White Ribbon Australia	NGO
17	Central Desert Regional Council	Gov	48	Witness assistance	NGO
18	Cross Border Program	Gov	49	Wurli Wurlinjang health Services	NT Gov
19	Danila Dilba	Aboriginal / NGO	50	YWCA	Aboriginal / NGO
20	Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter	Aboriginal / NGO			NGO
21	Dawn House	NGO			
22	Drug and Alcohol Association Alice Spring	NGO			
23	Family Planning Welfare Association of the NT	NGO			
24	Gap Youth Services	NGO			
25	Good Beginnings	NGO			
26	Head Space	NGO			
27	Holyoake	NGO			
28	Kalano Association	NGO			
29	Katherine Town Council	Local Gov			
30	Katherine Women's Crisis Centre	NGO			
31	Katherine Women's Information and Legal Service	NGO			



## Family Safety Framework – Participating Agencies

Darwin, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek and Yuendumu

### Government Agencies

1	Northern Territory Police
2	Department of the Attorney-General and Justice
3	Department of Correctional Services
4	Department of Children and Families
5	Department of Education
6	Department of Health
7	Department of Housing
8	Centrelink

### Non-Government Organisations

Tennant Creek	Yuendumu	Nhulunbuy	Darwin	Katherine
1. Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group Inc	4. Zodiac (Housing Contractor)	8. Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation	11. Dawn House	15. Binjari Health Clinic
2. Tennant Creek Women's Refuge	5. Yuendumu Women's Safe House	9. Crisis Accommodation Gove – Women's Shelter	12. Salvation Army – Catherine Booth House	16. Wurli Wurlinjang Health Services
3. Anyinginyi Aboriginal Corporation - Health	6. Central Desert Council – Mediation & Justice Committee	10. East Arnhem Regional Council	13. YWCA	17. Katherine Women's Crisis Centre
	7. YDAC – Walpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation		14. DAIWS – Darwin Aboriginal & Islander Women's Shelter	

## Alice Springs Integrated Response

Government Agencies		Non-Government Organisations	
1	Northern Territory Police	18	Alice Springs Women's Shelter
2	Department of the Attorney-General and Justice	19	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
3	Department of Correctional Services	20	NPY Women's Council
4	Department of Children and Families	21	Tangentyere Council
5	Department of Education		
6	Department of Health		
7	Department of Housing		
8	Centrelink		

29 agencies/organisations participating across six sites.

Larrakia Nation in Darwin was a participating member of the Family Safety Framework in Darwin but attendance at meetings has ceased.

# ATTACHMENT E

## Current Partner Agencies (as of May 2016)

### TERRITORY WIDE / MULTIPLE AREAS

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| 1. Amity's Gambling Project                  | 2. Family Violence Program |
| 3. Anglicare NT Financial Counselling        | 4. ID Care                 |
| 5. Anglicare NT Victims of Crime Counselling | 6. NT Housing              |
| 7. Community Justice Centre                  | 8. NT Legal Aid Commission |
| 9. Crime Victims Services Unit               | 10. SIDS & KIDS NT         |
| 11. Department of Children and Families      | 12. Victims of Crime VOCNT |

### DARWIN METROPOLITAN COMMAND

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| 13. Anglicare NT Standby (Darwin)  | 14. Mental Illness Fellowship NT Darwin                     |
| 15. Anglicare NT Headspace (Darwin)                                      | 16. Mission Australia – Mental Health Programs              |
| 17. Anglicare NT Resolve   | 18. Mission Australia Youth Homelessness Program            |
| 19. Amity Community Services   | 20. Mission Australia Men's Supported Accommodation Program |
| 21. CASY House – YWCA  | 22. North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency Darwin       |
| 23. Catherine Booth House  | 24. Parenting Support Program - YWCA                        |
| 25. Catholic Care Darwin   | 26. Relationships Australia Darwin                          |
| 27. Dawn House   | 28. Ruby Gaea   |
| 29. Darwin Aboriginal and Islander's Women's Shelter<br>DAIWS            | 30. Somerville Community Services Palmerston                |
| 31. Dept. of Ed NT Attendance and Truancy (Darwin)                       | 32. Top End Women's Legal Service                           |
| 33. Dept. of Ed NT Attendance and Truancy (Palmerston &<br>Tiwi Islands) | 34. Volatile Substance Abuse VSA Top End                    |
| 35. Domestic and Family Violence Centre – YWCA                           | 36. Youth Transitional Housing Program - YWCA               |
| 37. Domestic Violence Legal Service Gov't                                | 38. Women of Worth Program – YWCA                           |
| 39. Licensing NT – Northern  |   |

### NORTHERN COMMAND

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| 40. Australian Red Cross PHAMS Katherine                       | 41. Katherine Youth and Family Services (Somerville)    |
| 42. Catholic Care Katherine                                    | 43. Family Violence Prevention Legal NAAFVLS            |
| 44. Dept. of Education Attendance and Truancy Arnhem &<br>Gove | 45. Malabam Health Board Aboriginal Corporation Service |
| 46. Dept. of Education Attendance and Truancy Katherine        | 47. Roper Gulf Regional Council                         |
| 48. East Arnhem Regional Council                               | 49. SARC – Katherine                                    |
| 50. Mission Australia Katherine                                | 51. Tobacco Alcohol and Other Drugs                     |
| 52. North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency Katherine       | 53. YMCA Katherine                                      |
| 54. Katherine Town Council                                     | 55. Katherine Women's Crisis Centre                     |
| 56. Katherine Women's Information and Legal Services           |   |

### SOUTHERN COMMAND

57. Dept. Ed NT Attendance and Truancy (Alice Springs)  
58. Gambling and Licensing Services  
59. Volatile Substance Abuse VSA (Alice Springs)

### Alice Springs Division

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| 60. Alice Springs Women's Shelter                                   | 61. Mental Illness Fellowship NT (ASP) Mi Track                 |
| 62. Alice Springs Town Council                                      | 63. Mission Australia NT (ASP)                                  |
| 64. Alice Springs Youth Accommodation Support Services              | 65. Pathways to Recovery Alice Springs                          |
| 66. Alcohol and Other Drug Services ADSCA (ASP)                     | 67. Relationships Australia Alice Springs                       |
| 68. Bushmob   | 69. Salvation Army Alice Springs                                |
| 70. Catholic Care Alice Springs                                     | 71. Sexual Assault Referral Centre SARC (ASP)                   |
| 72. CAAAPU (Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programs<br>Unit) | 73. Standby Alice Springs                                       |
| 74. Disability Advocacy Service (ASP)                               | 75. Tangentyere   |
| 76. Drug and Alcohol Service Association DASA (ASP)                 | 77. Tangentyere Family Violence                                 |
| 78. Gap Youth and Community Centre                                  | 79. Tangentyere Domestic Violence Specialist Children's Service |
| 80. Holyoake Alice Springs Inc                                      | 81. Waltja  |
| 82. Kunga Project   | 83. Waltja Family Mental Health                                 |
| 84. Mental Illness Fellowship NT (ASP)                              | 85. Youth Justice Family Responsibility Program                 |

### Tennant Creek and Barkly Division

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| 86. BRADAAG – Transition After-Care and Outreach | 87. Piliyintinji-Ki Stronger Families                       |
| 88. Barkly Regional Council                      | 89. Sexual Assault Referral Centre SARC (TCreek and Barkly) |
| 90. Catholic Care Tennant Creek                  | 91. Tennant Creek Women's Refuge                            |

**Central Desert Division**

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| 92. Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit CAAFLU | 93. NPY WC Intensive Family Support                          |
| 94. Central Australian Youth Link-Up Service CAYLUS        | 95. NPY WC Tjunga Team (Aged & Disability)                   |
| 96. Central Australian Aboriginal Congress                 | 97. NPY WC Youth Program                                     |
| 98. Central Australian Women's Legal Service CAWLS         | 99. NPY Domestic and Family Violence                         |
| 100. Central Desert Night Patrol                           | 101. Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation WYDAC |
| 102. Cross Borders Programs                                | 103. Yuendumu Mediation and Justice Program                  |
| 104. Department of Children and Families MOS Plus          |  |