



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

# Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

**An overview of funding announcement and next steps for FDVRT**

# Webinar Agenda



1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Introduction
3. Family and Domestic Violence Taskforce
4. Overview of the Cook Government Family and Domestic Violence System Reform Plan
5. Funding – including specific FDVRT funding
6. Governance measures
7. Early considerations – next steps
8. Q&A including comments or suggestions about next steps and communication preferences

# FDV Taskforce – Update



**Convened September 2023 to March 2024**

## **Through the work of the Taskforce, the WA Government has:**

- committed to establishing a Lived Experience Advisory Group
- invested in specialist services to address gaps and meet need;
- made early commitments to key system reforms; and
- developed a plan for reforming the ways services and systems work together to support and protect victim survivors and respond to perpetrators.

## **The work of the Taskforce was informed by stakeholder consultation including:**

- five Aboriginal family safety workshops (three metro and two regional)
- four system reform workshops (two metro and two regional)
- workshops and bilateral meetings with Taskforce members or their delegates; and
- consultation with victim-survivors including for the model design of the lived experience advisory group.

# System Reform Plan – On a page



## Family and Domestic Violence

SYSTEM REFORM PLAN 2024 TO 2029

### Vision

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305,400

Estimated number of women in Western Australia (30%) who have experienced **physical, emotional or economic abuse** by a cohabiting partner since the age of 15

Aboriginal women are

32

times

more likely to be hospitalised because of violence than non-Aboriginal women

### Pillars of the System Reform Plan



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#### Risk Management

Case coordination and specialist responses are appropriately resourced, with collaborative practices required and embedded. Victim-survivors consistently receive a sensitive and safe response and perpetrators are visible and held to account across all parts of the system.

#### A service system that looks different to everyone

- **Victim-Survivor:** I can access the help I need when I need it, to keep me and my family safe and to support recovery and re-establishment.
- **Perpetrators:** The actions of all services, and service systems hold me to account for my coercive, controlling and violent behaviours and provide pathways to interventions that target behaviour change.
- **Community:** I see stopping family and domestic violence as mine and everyone's responsibility.
- **Services:** I understand my role and responsibilities in responding to family and domestic violence and have the tools and skills I need to provide a response that meets the needs of my client.

The work of the system reform plan will be a **partnership approach** between government, the community sector, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, and lived experience advocates.



**FDV**  
System  
Reform Plan

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# System Reform Plan – Four pillars



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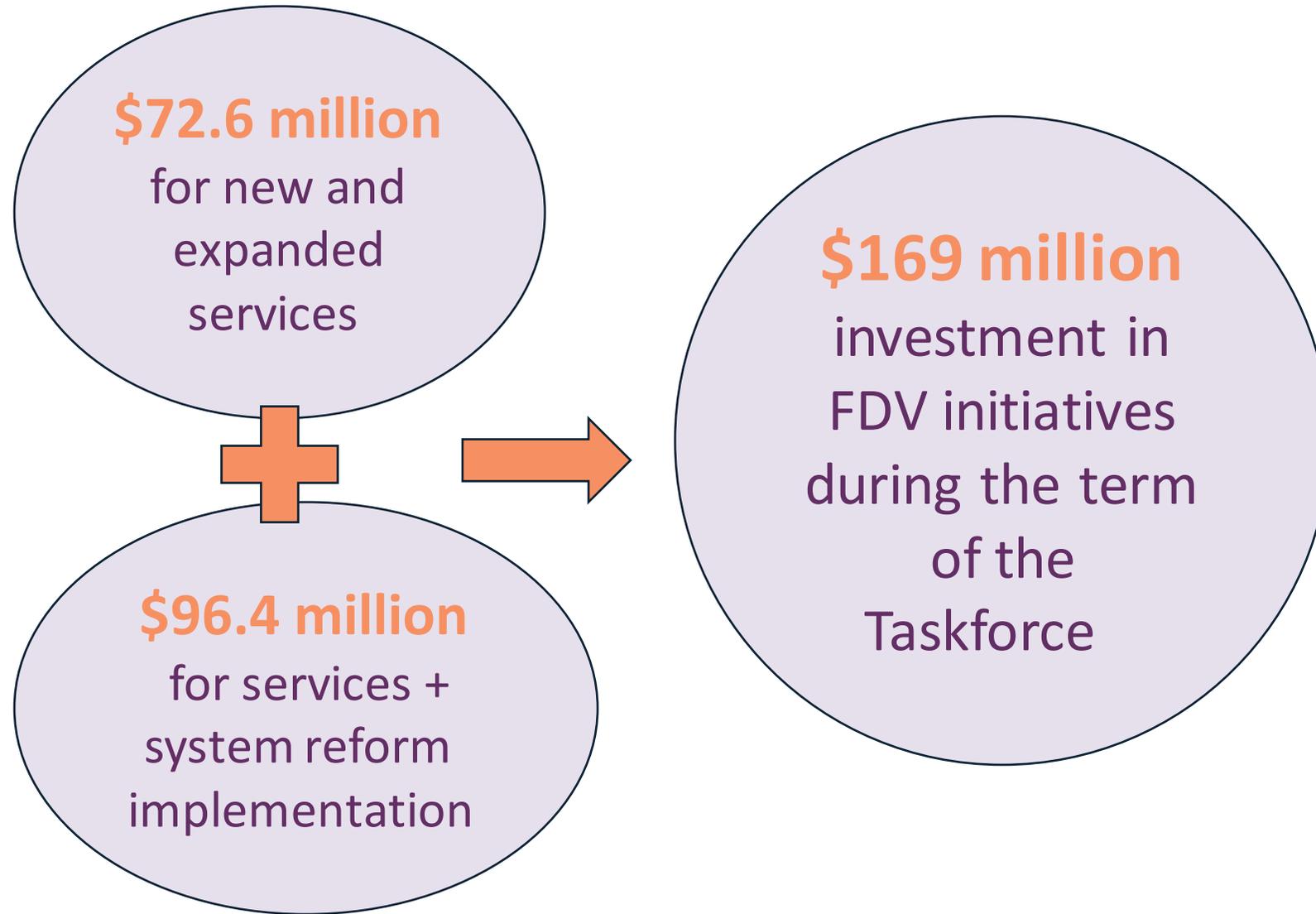
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# System reform plan – web links

[System Reform plan](#)

[System reform plan – overview](#)

# State government investment



**\$422 million**

**total State  
Government  
investment in  
new FDV  
initiatives  
since 2021-22.**

# Breakdown of State government investment

**\$96.4 million** for new and expanded FDV services and supports, and key system reform initiatives including:

**\$53.8 million** for **Family and Domestic Violence Response Teams**, including:

**seven days per week** (including public holidays)

recurrent funding for expanded **Coordinated Response Services**;

all remaining **Family Safety Officers** to be recruited in 2024-25

staged rollout of **17 additional Community Corrections Officers by 2027-28**

# Breakdown of State government investment

**\$3.2 million** for the **Department of Justice** to provide **victim representation and support at Prisoners Review Board meetings**

**\$3.1 million** to **boost capacity of existing family and domestic violence community-based counselling and advocacy services**

**\$1.9 million** to **establish a lived experience advisory group** to inform policy and service design in FDV

**\$1.6 million** to commence work on a **Central Information Point to inform family and domestic violence risk assessment**

**\$490,000** for a **two-year pilot of community-based, short-stay, interventions for mothers and babies who are at risk of, or are victim-survivors of family and domestic violence; and**

**\$396,000** for the **Department of Justice** to undertake consultation on a **new family and domestic violence disclosure scheme for victim-survivors.**

# Breakdown of State government investment

**\$14.2 million** for a new **Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hub** in the Perth metropolitan area, to be at the new RUAH Centre for Women and Children

**\$6.2 million** to establish a **dedicated organisation** that will support and develop **family and domestic violence informed workforces**

**\$4.5 million** funding uplift for the **men's behaviour change program 'Breathing Space'** in Maylands and Calista

**\$4 million** to expand **two rapid rehousing programs** and deliver emergency accommodation for victim-survivors in Leonora, Goldfields

# Governance

- FDVRT Executive Steering Committee
- FDVRT Operational Working Group
- FDVRT Central Support and Coordination Unit

# Early considerations



- CRS representation on the Steering Group and Working Group, but thinking about ways that we can support those representatives to bring forward the views of all providers (as appropriate)
- Implementation including consistent approaches that have enough flexibility to support place based application
- Re-calibrating within new resource footprint
- Processes for checking assumptions and continuous improvement
- Thinking about ways to onboard and support new team members
- Administrative burden – ways to minimise
- Supporting information sharing and collaboration in a bigger team

# Questions or comments

- Next steps?
- Communication preferences?

# Q&A

Please send all queries to the below inbox:

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