



Government of **Western Australia**
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Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

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Webinar Agenda



1. Welcome and Acknowledgement
2. Family and Domestic Violence Taskforce Update
3. Family and Domestic Violence System Reform Plan
4. State Government Investment
5. Governance
6. Questions & Answers

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; 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 senior representatives from Government agencies represented on the Taskforce; and
- bilateral meetings with key agencies represented on the Taskforce.

System Reform Plan – On a page



Family and Domestic Violence

SYSTEM REFORM PLAN 2024 TO 2029

Vision

A family and domestic violence response system that is collaborative, connected and organised around victim-survivor safety, recovery and re-establishment where all parts of the system provide trauma informed, culturally safe and joined-up services to keep victim-survivors safe and hold perpetrators to account.



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



Workforce Development

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Risk Assessment

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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.

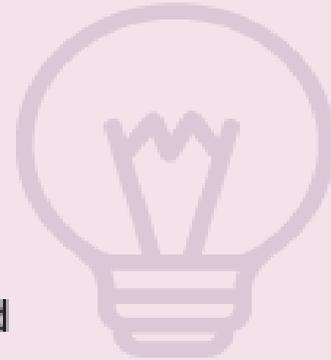


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System Reform Plan – Four pillars



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System Reform Plan - Workforce development



- Developing a family and domestic violence capability framework
- Establishing a dedicated family and domestic violence workforce entity
- Embedding family and domestic violence workforce capabilities
- Establishing minimum training standards
- Appropriate responses for employees who are experiencing or using family and domestic violence

System Reform Plan – Information sharing



- Supporting better information sharing within existing legal frameworks
- Enhancing information sharing between specialist family and domestic violence services
- Enabling data sharing between Police, Communities and Justice
- Establishing a Central Information Point
- Considering a dedicated disclosure scheme for victim-survivors

System Reform Plan – Risk assessment



- Creating a whole of system standard for identifying, assessing and managing risk
- Developing an Aboriginal Family Violence risk assessment tool
- Embedding risk assessment in policy and practice
- Exploring alternative response pathways

System Reform Plan – Risk management

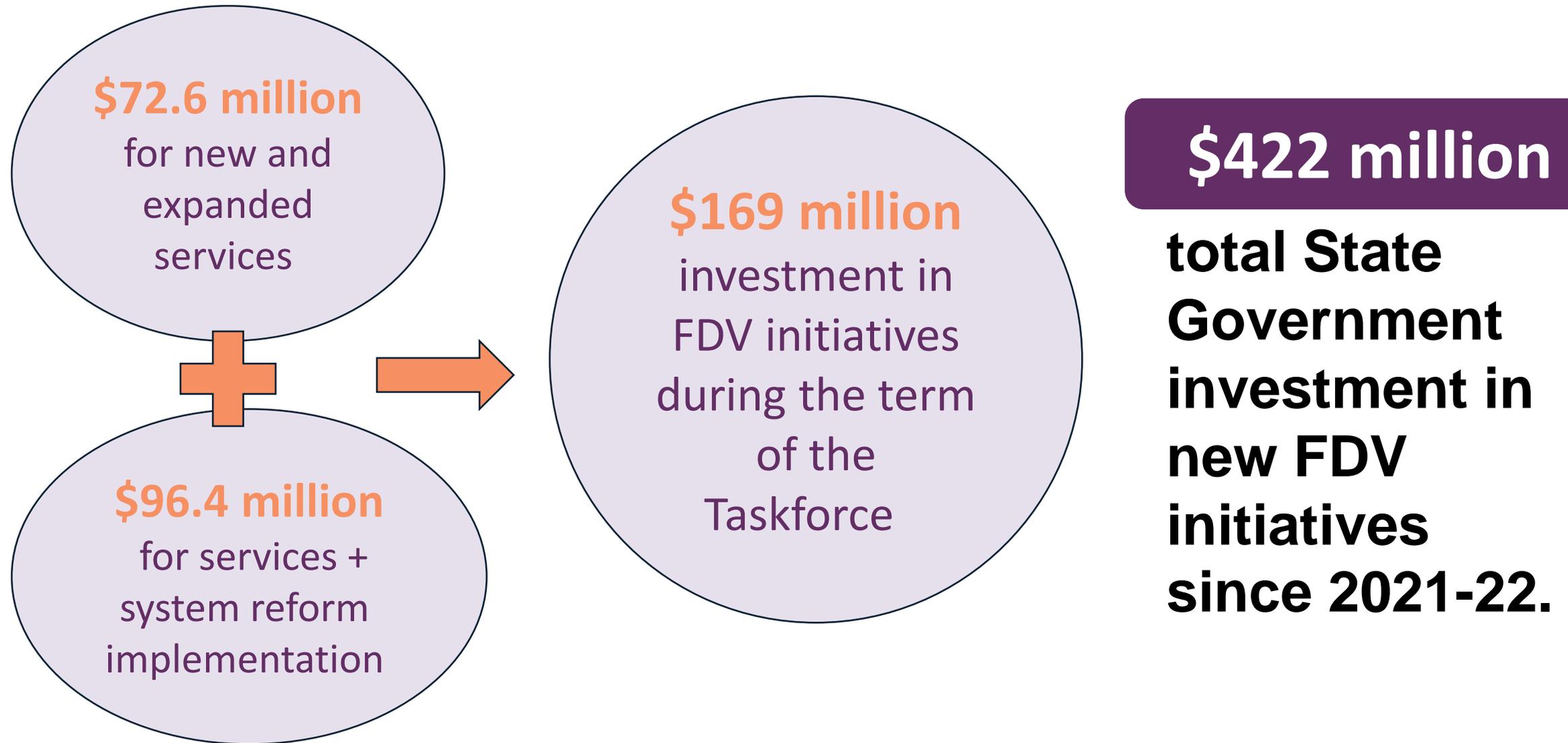
➤ Authorising and embedding models for case coordination

- Enhance Family and Domestic Violence Response Teams
- Trial victim-survivor advocates in the justice system
- Trial out of business hours social worker and socio-legal supports in health settings
- Develop and embed model(s) for coordinated case management to be authorised and implemented across agencies, community sector services and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.

➤ More investment in perpetrator responses

➤ Safe accommodation initiatives

State government investment



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);
continue operations of expanded Coordinated Response Services;
staged rollout of **17 additional Community Corrections Officers**
by 2027-28

\$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

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

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

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

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.**

Governance

The Government is committed to achieving these reform actions.

Accountability to implementation and outcomes will be created through robust governance and public reporting on progress.

A Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) will ensure voices of those with lived experience inform the delivery of the system reforms.



Q&A

Please send all queries to the below inbox:

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