

**ABORIGINAL HEALING FRAMEWORK**

*Statement by Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence*

**MS S.E. WINTON (Wanneroo — Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence)** [9.36 am]: I am pleased to update the house on the development of the Aboriginal healing framework project. We know that Aboriginal women are disproportionately impacted by family and domestic violence. Aboriginal women are six times more likely to be victims of homicide due to domestic violence than non-Indigenous women. They are also 33 times more likely to be hospitalised as a result of domestic violence. Western Australia's *Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy 2022–2032* sets out a whole-of-community, Aboriginal-led and collaborative approach to prevent, reduce and respond to family violence. This strategy is critical in Western Australia's response to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, outcome 13—that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and households are safe. The strategy has four focus areas, the first of which is healing. Although Liberal Senator Jacinta Price might argue colonisation has had, to paraphrase, no negative impacts, the Aboriginal family safety strategy does acknowledge colonisation as a key driver of intergenerational trauma that has led to family violence and the importance of local and place-based healing practices to achieving family safety and community wellbeing.

The Aboriginal healing framework will provide clear and practical guidance for how healing work can be supported and operationalised as part of Western Australia's response to family violence. I am pleased to advise that Tjallara Consulting, an Aboriginal business, has been engaged to work on this project with the Department of Communities. Dr Victoria Hovane, a respected psychologist, consultant and practitioner, is the managing director of Tjallara. Over many years, her work has focused on understanding intergenerational trauma, including family violence and its impacts on Aboriginal people. Dr Hovane and her team will develop the Aboriginal healing framework over 2024 and this will be informed by drawing on relevant evidence and community engagement and consultations. The work on the framework will complement the Premier's announcement earlier this week of a package worth over \$70 million for family and domestic violence, which importantly includes \$6 million for Aboriginal-led responses to family and domestic violence.