

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL  
OPERATIONS**

**ANSWERS TO 2020-21 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT –  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS (ROUND 2)**

**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

C1. Can the minister provide the committee with the number of young people who have been accused or convicted of sexual offences who were placed in a group home as at 30 June 2020?

**Answer:**

The circumstances of placement arrangements are recorded on individual case files, and are not centrally collated for reporting purposes.

As at 28 October 2020, there were eight young people in the care of the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Communities (Communities) who were reportable offenders. One of those young people is currently placed in a group home and there is a safety plan in place.

In each placement of a young person who is a reportable offender, a safety plan is developed that is appropriate to the young person and the specific circumstances of the care arrangement.

Communities is committed to working in partnership with WA Police to manage reportable offenders who are young people in care.



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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

C2. I refer to page 33 of the Annual Report that says 375 children were in residential care, and ask:

- a) How many of those people in group homes as at 30 June 2020 had a case alert?
- b) Of those case alerts as at 30 June 2020, how many had the specific risk listed as relating to harmful sexual behaviours, sexual assault, or of a sexual nature?

**Answer:**

(a-b) As at 30 June 2020, of the 375 children in residential care facilities, there were 12 who had an active case alert, three of which had specific details related to sexualised behaviour.



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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

C3. What is the scope of the review by the Commissioner for Children and Young People into the placement of children with harmful sexual behaviours in residential care?

**Answer:**

Please see Tabled Paper (XX).

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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

C4. Further to the 'Question Prior' about child protection caseloads, on how many occasions was a caseload reported as being over 18 in September, October, and November 2020.

**Answer:**

As at the monthly reporting dates, there was one caseload over 18 reported in September 2020, three caseloads over 18 reported in October 2020 and two caseloads over 18 reported in November 2020.

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**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

- C5. Pages 39 to 40 of the annual report state that for the reporting period, 294 negative notices were issued and 175 interim negative notices were issued. How many of these were for first-time applications?

**Answer:**

In 2019-20, a total of 175 of the Negative Notices and 89 of the Interim Negative Notices were issued for first time applications.

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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

C6. Pages 39 to 40 of the annual report state that for the reporting period:

- (a) A total of 294 negative notices were issued.
  - (i) How many of these were for renewals; and
  - (ii) How many of these were issued as a result of continuous monitoring?
- (b) A total of 175 interim negative notices were issued.
  - (i) How many of these were for renewals;
  - (ii) How many of these were issued as a result of continuous monitoring?

**Answer:**

(a):

- (i) 27 were issued in response to a 'subsequent application' which includes an application to extend a current card (renewal), and an application where a card has already expired.
- (ii) 49 were issued as a result of Continuous monitoring – Recent Activity Report, and 43 were issued following a notification issued by WA Police under section 17 of the *Working with Children (Criminal Records Checking) Act 2004* following the issuing of criminal charges.

(b):

- (i) 8 were issued in response to a 'subsequent application' which includes an application to extend a current card (renewal), and an application where a card has already expired.
- (ii) 35 were issued as a result of Continuous monitoring – Recent Activity Report, and 43 were issued following a notification issued by WA Police under section 17 of the *Working with Children (Criminal Records Checking) Act 2004* following the issuing of criminal charges.



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**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

C7. Is an active line of inquiry or review taking place with respect to the gap in the continuous monitoring process of WWCC Card Holders as it pertains to national data?

**Answer:**

Following recommendation from the 2015 Royal Commission into Institutional responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Working with Children National Reference System (National Reference System) has been established whereby each jurisdiction records any adverse decision that is made on a Working With Children Check application. All applications are continuously run through this database, which enables the sharing of data between jurisdictions. Western Australia was the first jurisdiction to onboard to the National Reference System in August 2019. Tasmania is also onboard with other jurisdictions planning to do so as their legislative amendments and IT builds are completed.

The Department of Communities continues to liaise with the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions in relation to the establishment of a system for national monitoring of criminal history information.



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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

C8. Please table the document titled 'Child protection: activity performance information'?

**Answer:**

Please see Tabled Paper No. (XX).

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#### **Department of Communities**

#### **Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:**

C9. Between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, the Home Stretch trial in Fremantle district supported 18 young people. Six opted out of the trial during this time. Please list the reasons for these six opting out?

#### **Answer:**

There are many reasons why a young person may disengage from and re-engage with support services, including the impact of their complex trauma history.

The reasons for young people opting out of the Home Stretch WA Trial between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 included:

- A lack of engagement beyond the initial session, despite ongoing approaches by transition coaches to engage.
- Prior positive engagement in several support services prior to opting into the Home Stretch WA trial, resulting in a limited role for Home Stretch.
- Moving away from the Fremantle district trial zone.

Young people may opt back into the Home Stretch WA trial at any time. Two of the young people who opted out of Home Stretch during this period later opted back into the trial.



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**Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:**

C10. I refer to page 523 of the budget, service summary line item 3, noting the Earlier Intervention and Family Support actual is \$88,793,000. Can I please have a breakdown of the \$88 million and what that actually encompasses?

**Answer:**

In 2019-20, a total of \$74.973 million was attributed to multiple Earlier Intervention and Family Support activities, as below:

<b>Category</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Intensive Family Support	32,056
General earlier intervention and family support services (including Responsible Parenting Services, Best Beginnings, Indigenous Healing and Youth Counselling)	19,892
Young People Services	8,709
Aboriginal In-home Support Services	5,253
Earlier Intervention	4,420
Individual and Family Support (including family support case costs)	2,512
Target 120	2,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,973</b>

A further \$13.82 million represents an allocation of central and corporate departmental support expenditure associated with delivering Earlier Intervention and Family Support activities.

Central and corporate departmental supports are the indirect costs for the delivery of services.



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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:**

C11. I refer to page 37 of the annual report and the "Intensive Family Support Service" and ask:

- (a) Of the 1,862 families supported, how many were families at risk of entering care rather than families working towards reunification?
- (b) For how many families did children end up entering care despite receiving the services?
- (c) Of the families who are working towards reunification, how many were successful at being reunified with their children?

**Answer:**

The figure of 1,862 families supported by the externally contracted Intensive Family Support (IFS) Service as shown on page 37 of the annual report is a transpositional error. The actual number of families supported through the external IFS service was 483.

- (a) Of the 483 families supported, 291 families were at risk of their child(ren) entering care and 192 were families working towards reunification.
- (b) Of the 291 families with children at risk of entering care 13 had children in care on 25 November 2020. A further 107 cases were still open on 25 November 2020.
- (c) Of the 192 families who were working towards reunification, 32 were successfully reunified with their children. A further 95 were still open on 25 November 2020.

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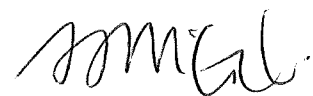
**Department of Communities**

**Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:**

C12. I refer to page 228 of Communities' annual report, and ask how many exceptionally complex needs care arrangements were there as at 30 June 2019?

**Answer:**

As at 30 June 2019, there were 26 care arrangements with the Transitional High Needs Program.

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#### **Department of Communities**

#### **Hon Tjorn Simba MLC asked:**

C13. What support does Communities provide for young people leaving care?

#### **Answer:**

The Department of Communities (Communities) has a statutory obligation to provide financial and non-financial supports to young people aged 15 to 25 who are leaving or have left the care of the Chief Executive Officer, and are eligible for leaving care services under the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*.

These supports include assistance to:

- obtain accommodation
- undertake education and training
- obtain employment
- obtain legal advice
- access health services, and
- access counselling services.

Communities commences leaving care planning at age 15. Planning includes:

- Development of a leaving care plan including how a young person can access supports from Communities after they leave care.
- Information about leaving care including frequently asked questions, and details of leaving care services and funding available to the young person.

Applications for public housing can be made when a young person turns 15, to ensure the young person accrues time on the housing wait list.

Communities funds Mission Australia, Wanslea and the Salvation Army to deliver leaving care services to support young people who are preparing to leave the care of the CEO from age 15, and those who have been in care, up to 25 years of age.

In addition, Communities funds:

- Indigo Junction's Living Independently for the First Time (LIFT) Program in collaboration with Communities in the Midland district.
- Anglicare WA to implement the Home Stretch WA trial in collaboration with Communities and the Fremantle district.

- CREATE Foundation's Go Your Own Way kit, which is distributed via Districts annually to all young people turning 16 years of age.

Communities has partnered with the Commonwealth Department of Social Services and Wanslea, to deliver the Commonwealth Government funded Towards Independent Adulthood (TIA) Trial over the last three years. Communities will use findings of the independent TIA trial evaluation to inform ongoing work to improve outcomes for care leavers.

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**Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:**

C14. I refer to page 41 of the annual report and the national redress scheme, how long did it take to provide the information requested by the 904 applicants, and how long did it take to provide the information requested in the 622 priority applicants?

**Answer:**

- a) Average time to provide information for the 904 applicants: 22 days
- b) Average time to provide information for the 622 priority applicants: 16 days



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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

- D1. On what date did the City of Stirling and Hope Community Services sign up as services providers for the One-stop Community Hubs?

**Answer:**

The Grant Agreement with City of Stirling for the Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hub – Mirrabooka and the Grant Agreement with Hope Community Services Ltd for the Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hub – Kalgoorlie were both executed on 18 October 2020.

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#### **Department of Communities**

#### **Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

D2. What services will the City of Stirling and Hope Community Services Limited provide to the one stop hubs?

#### **Answer:**

The Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hubs will provide an integrated specialist service for victims of family and domestic violence, through a range of services on site.

The City of Stirling is the lead service provider for the Mirrabooka Hub and is partnering with 10 specialist agencies to form a consortium for the delivery of services.

The consortium will offer legal services and advice, cultural expertise and mentoring, creche and childcare services, mental health and counselling services, alcohol and other drug services, financial counselling and support, and housing support.

Hope Community Services Ltd and its partner agencies (the Alliance) have developed a comprehensive and innovative model for the Kalgoorlie Hub to be provided under four service streams:

1. Family Support: creche, parenting, trauma counselling
2. In-reach Services: alcohol and other drug and mental health services, housing support, legal service, financial support
3. Out-reach Services: advocacy and support, family and domestic violence education and awareness, system reform, and
4. Community Activities: yarnning circles, education workshops, arts and crafts.

The Kalgoorlie Hub will also engage a Men's Services Coordinator.



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**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

D3. What is the status of the procurement process for how the efficacy of the one-stop hubs will be measured?

**Answer:**

The procurement of an evaluation consultant to undertake the monitoring and evaluation of the Family and Domestic Violence one-stop hubs has been completed, and Curtin University was awarded the contract on 23 September 2020.

The monitoring and evaluation work will be completed in two phases:

- Phase 1 – Development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework including reporting tools.
- Phase 2 – Final evaluation and measuring of the efficacy of the one-stop hubs. This is expected to be completed by the end of September 2022.



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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

D4. How is the success of Communities' cultural competency training program being measured?

**Answer:**

An evaluation form will be completed by participants at the end of each workshop to evaluate and determine whether the design and delivery of the project were effective and whether the proposed outcomes were met. An overall project evaluation will be conducted and a final project report prepared.



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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

D5. I refer to page 519 of budget paper No 2, volume 2, which states that \$2.6 million will be spent on extending the Kimberley family violence service trial by two years noting that the response provided to questions prior to today's hearing stated *"the new KFVS will remain a trial as it will differ significantly from the previous KFVS"* and I ask:

How are they different?

**Answer:**

The previous trial of the Kimberley Family Violence Service (KFVS) comprised Men's Family Violence Workers and Women's Family Violence Workers in Broome, Derby, Halls Creek and Kununurra. Funding was provided directly to Anglicare WA to provide the service.

It provided direct service delivery to individuals and families experiencing family violence, to work towards improved victim safety and perpetrator accountability.

The primary source of referrals to the service was from the Kimberley Family Safety Teams, a partnership between Department of Communities (Communities), WA Police Force, funded Family and Domestic Violence Coordinated Response Services (funded by Communities), the Department of Corrective Services, and KFVS. The KFVS could also receive referrals from external sources.

The service provider(s) for the new KFVS will be procured through a competitive grant process. Services procured will be place-based, flexible, culturally responsive, informed by local needs designed by or in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations with a focus on prevention and response.



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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Alison Xamon asked:**

D6. I refer to the Breathing Space facility in Maylands and ask what is the capacity of the facility, are there waiting lists?

**Answer:**

The Breathing Space facility in Maylands has the capacity to accommodate up to 9 residents. There is no current wait list.

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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Alison Xamon asked:**

D7. I refer to Breathing Space, and ask how are people referred to Breathing Space? Is there a capacity for people to self-refer?

**Answer:**

Men can access the program via self-referral or can be referred via the Western Australia Police Force, the Department of Communities, community sector agencies, other specialist domestic violence service, or by referral through the justice system.

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#### Department of Communities

#### Hon Alison Xamon asked:

D8. I refer to Breathing Space Maylands facility and ask:

- (a) How long do people usually stay in the program?
- (b) What supports are being delivered?
- (c) How many people have been through the Breathing Space programs now?
- (d) Is there information on the outcomes and how that has been collated?

#### Answer:

- (a) For the reporting period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 the average length of support provided to clients is 72 days.
- (b) The service model includes delivery of the following supports:
  - A three-month intensive residential program;
  - A community-based outreach component providing risk assessment, case management, counselling, safety planning and support. The outreach program also provides individual and group-based intervention to perpetrators in the community who are not accommodated in the residential program;
  - Advocacy for women and children who are current or former partners of men involved in the residential program; and
  - Working closely with partner agencies in a coordinated community response to family and domestic violence including women's services, police, child protection, community corrections, housing, health, and Centrelink.
- (c) 19 men were provided assistance for the reporting period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.
- (d) The Department of Communities monitors the performance of the service based on the success of the outcomes measured within the service agreement. This consists of analysing:
  - Data from the six-monthly Progress Report completed by the service provider
  - Data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Specialist Homelessness Services Collection Statistical Summary Report, which includes information submitted by Communicare's Breathing Space Program, and
  - Active Contract Management processes such as Service Reviews.

In addition, the organisation uses the Outcome Star tool as part of their case management processes. This tool is used for both supporting and measuring change in program participants in areas such as accommodation, relationships, parenting, managing strong emotions, maintaining a crime free life, living skills and self-care.



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#### **Department of Communities**

##### **Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:**

D9. I refer to the budget papers, page 523, and the line item on preventing family and domestic violence under the service summary, and ask:

- (a) Has any money been allocated towards research?
- (b) If yes, how much and what specific issues are being researched?
- (c) if any research is being funded and undertaken, who is doing it?
- (d) Is any research being undertaken into the issue of coercive control?

##### **Answer:**

(a) Yes.

(b - c)

In 2020-2021 financial year, the Department of Communities will contribute funding towards the following national organisations contributing to research relevant to preventing family and domestic violence:

- Our Watch membership - \$124,767 (GST exclusive)
  - Our Watch is the national organisation for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia and provides policy advice and research resources to the Department of Communities.
- Australia's National Research Organisation on Women's Safety - \$185,760 (GST exclusive)
  - ANROWS' extensive research program is aligned with the National Research Agenda to reduce violence against women and their children which underpins the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010 to 2022. The research supports policy, best practice and service planning to address family and domestic violence in WA by providing an evidence base for what is effective in identifying and responding to violence against women and children, including those that experience multiple forms of disadvantage.
- The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute - \$193,506 (GST exclusive).
  - The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute is a national independent research network which provides important evidence base on housing and homelessness as these relate to women and children impacted by family and domestic violence.



In addition, the Department of Communities provides funding to two family and domestic violence peak bodies, the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing and Stopping Family Violence Inc. under the Sector Support, Development and Advocacy program. A component of the program is research and consultation via the following service activities:

- Create new knowledge and understanding,
- Share and disseminate existing knowledge, and
- Include community in the creation of knowledge.

(d)

The Department of Communities and the Department of Justice are monitoring the evidence base regarding the effectiveness of laws against coercive control in other jurisdictions.

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**Department of Communities**

**Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:**

D10. I refer to budget page 523 and “Preventing and Responding to FDV”, and ask:

- (a) Has any funding been provided for targeted support or counselling for children and young people who have experienced family and domestic violence?
- (b) How much has been allocated?
- (c) Who is providing the services?
- (d) Where are those services provided?

**Answer:**

- (a) Yes. There are three current Service Agreements that are delivering Family and Domestic Violence Counselling specifically targeted towards assisting children and young people who have experienced family and domestic violence.
- (b) In the 2020/21 financial year a total of \$1,066,566 (excluding GST) has been allocated across three Service Agreements for Family and Domestic Violence Counselling for children and young people. Included in this figure is the one-off WA Recovery Plan funding in response to COVID-19 for Family and Domestic Violence Support Services covering the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

(c)-(d)

Service Provider	Location
Anglicare WA Inc	Albany
The Patricia Giles Centre Inc	Northern corridor – Perth metropolitan
Waratah Children's Domestic Violence Counselling Service	Bunbury



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#### Department of Communities

#### Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

D11. I refer to the Budget page 523 under “Services Summary: Preventing and Responding to FDV” and ask for:

- (a) a breakdown of the \$76 million in funding;
- (b) How much of that funding is going to prevention activities rather than responses to FDV?

#### Answer:

(a)

Program	\$ '000
FDV Accommodation and Related Services	32,872
FDV Counselling	6,719
Breathing Space Establishment for Male Perpetrators	864
Culturally Appropriate Services to Victims of Domestic Violence	435
National 'Our Watch' Contribution	126
WA Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program	273
Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hubs	4,257
Pets in Crisis	102
Response to Elder Abuse	1,333
Commonwealth-funded FDV Responses to COVID-19	6,626
Region-specific FDV Programs	3,088
Safe at Home and Outreach Services	3,615
Coordinated Response and Other FDV Services	11,049
Corporate Support Costs	4,831
	<b>76,190</b>

(b) The FDV prevention initiatives within the \$76 million in funding are following:

<b>Program</b>	<b>\$ '000</b>
WA Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program	273
National 'Our Watch' Contribution	126
	<b>399</b>

In addition, the Department of Communities contributes to the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing to provide sector support, which includes a focus on prevention (a total contribution of \$416,847 ex GST in 2020-21);

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**Hon Alison Xamon asked:**

D12. Has any funding been allocated specifically to respond to family and domestic violence in LGBTQI communities? If so, how much and who will be delivering those services?

**Answer:**

There is no funding allocated specifically to respond to family and domestic violence in LGBTQI communities. All service providers must consider equal opportunity legislation and promote substantive equality in their practices and service delivery. The services are available to meet the needs of Western Australia's diverse community including individuals and groups from Aboriginal, ethnic and social minority communities including LGBTIQ+.

The McGowan Government has committed to support the LGBTIQ+ community through an innovative grant for the Youth Pride Network. This initiative recognises that LGBTIQ+ young people are a vulnerable group – the Youth Pride Network is an advocacy body that will understand and advocate for LGBTIQ+ young people, and is a step towards improved wellbeing and community connection.

The project will strengthen government support for LGBTIQ+ young people, and will aim to improve understanding of young LGBTIQ+ people's needs by government and by service providers. The funding will cover the first three years of the Youth Pride Network's operation.

The Grant commenced on the 14 October 2020 through the Department of Communities for a three-year period with total funding of \$360,000.



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### **ANSWERS TO 2020-21 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT – SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS (ROUND 2)**

#### **Department of Communities**

##### **Hon Alison Xamon asked:**

D13. I refer to the annual report, page 81, and Pets in Crisis, and note that \$100,000 was allocated to the RSPCA in 2019–20. Is there any information to advise whether the funding cover the full demand for the service, or is the RSPCA meeting additional need through their own charitable contributions?

##### **Answer:**

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Western Australia (RSPCA WA) received annual funding in the 2019-20 financial year from the Department of Communities of \$100,000 with the RSPCA contributing \$1,521 in the 2019-20 financial year towards this funding.

The McGowan Government has committed \$415,000 towards the Pets in Crisis program from 2019-2023 with funding for the relevant financial years as follows:

- 2019-20 - \$100,000
- 2020-21 - \$102,000
- 2021-22 - \$105,000
- 2022-23 - \$108,000

In addition to the above funding provisions, the RSPCA WA provides in-kind support for Pets in Crisis and receives pro bono assistance to deliver the program including from volunteers (foster carers who look after pets in their own homes), pet food donations, and discounted veterinary treatment from Vetwest.



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**Hon Alison Xamon asked:**

D14. I refer to budget page 523 and “Services Summary: Preventing and Responding to FDV” and ask:

- (a) How much funding allocated for court-based services for FDV victims, including duty officers and other supports?
- (b) Who is providing the services?
- (c) Where are they located?
- (d) How do the budget allocations compare to actual spend in the previous financial year?

**Answer:**

- (a)-(d) Court-based services for FDV victims, including victim support and child witness services, are provided by the Department of Justice.

While the Department of Communities does not specifically fund any court-based services for FDV victims, some funded FDV services (e.g. women’s refuges) do attend court to assist and support victims of FDV as part of a wider range of services.

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