

## State Budget 2008/09 Information Sheet Safety and Justice

WACOSS advocates for greater support to break the cycle of violence by providing more child support workers in refuges, more funding for crisis accommodation and support services, and an increase in funding for community legal centres.

WACOSS' Recommendations	Budget Outcome & Comments
Support the establishment of a safe house in the metropolitan area for young women and their children escaping violence	Expenditure of \$450k in 2008/09, increasing to \$490k in 2011/12 to meet the operational cost of the Hills Safe House crisis accommodation service.
Expansion of refuge-based domestic violence outreach services	The current program will continue until the end of the year. No expansion was announced.
Establish a Crisis Care centre with accommodation and counselling for Aboriginal Men in the metropolitan region. (Provides an alternative to incarceration for a cooling down period.)	No apparent Government commitment.
Restorative Programs for Perpetrators of Family and Domestic Violence	No apparent Government commitment.
Domestic Violence Legal Workers Network: funding for 2 DV legal workers in the metro area and possibly more in regional areas, esp northern corridor, and to provide targeted outreach to women and children in refuges.	No Government commitment.
New support services for other forms of partner abuse	No Government commitment.
Increase Core Funding to Community Legal Centres (\$872,339 in project grants to recurrent core funding)	No apparent Government commitment.
Programs for Women in Prison (currently delivered by volunteers)	No apparent Government commitment.
Support non-government organisations to develop effective partnerships with relevant Government Departments to Support Re-entry Services	No explicit Government commitment although the Re-entry Program was funded to the tune of \$20M over 4 years.

### See also

#### **Care and Support: Children**

- Child support workers within women's refuges and DV services.
- A Children's Policy Officer to provide social policy advice in relation to responding to needs of children who experience or witness domestic violence.