

Family Violence

While the McGowan Government recognises the importance of family and domestic violence, this isn't sufficiently reflected in their level of investment. It's important to see investment in updating women's health infrastructure, however, the budget overall is lacking dedication to women's health issues more broadly, such as access to community-based services, addressing medical misogyny, and investing in preventative health.

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Initiative	FDV Broome Hub (BP2, V2, P501)
Investment	\$16.3 million over the forward estimates
Description	Funding has been allocated to deliver a regional One Stop Hub (Hub) for family and domestic violence in Broome, announced in 2022. This investment covers the commercial and operations funding for the FDV hub for four years.
Implications	The Broome Hub will be designed to deliver a culturally appropriate service and reflect the needs of the community in Broome and the surrounding areas, which has a high rate of Aboriginal women experiencing family violence.

Initiative	FDV Refuge and Safe House Sustainability (BP2, V2, P502)
Investment	\$18.25 million over the forward estimates
Description	Additional funding for refuges and safe houses to address sustainability of services. On average, a 27% uplift for services that are no longer able to deliver on the original specifications of their contracts, which equates to a \$150 000 - \$300 000 uplift per service.
Implications	While this has established a much-needed new baseline of funding for services, it does not come anywhere near meeting the scale of the problem as specialist FDV services are facing ever-increasing demand and can't address unmet need.

Initiative	Extension of operation of the Mirrabooka and Kalgoorlie FDV Hubs (BP2, V2, P502)
Investment	\$13.4 million over the forward estimates
Description	Extended funding for the Kalgoorlie and Mirrabooka hubs to enable continuation of these important services beyond June 2024.
Implications	Funding is always welcome to support the ongoing work of the hubs, however, investment across the continuum from primary prevention through to crisis response and recovery is needed to ensure the system can better support all people experiencing family and domestic violence.

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Initiative	FDV Response Teams - Coordinated Response Services (BP2, V2, P502)
Investment	\$3.4 million
Description	This investment is for a two-year extension on base funding and a 12-month commitment to supplementary funding for Coordinated Response Services (front line response workers located in various police stations across the State).
Implications	This commitment enables long-term employment contracts and decreased workforce turnover and attrition which has a significant impact on the quality and continuity of services for victim-survivors.