

PREVENTING

FOR ALL OF US

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence and Aboriginal Justice Agreement

Domestic, family and sexual violence affects the whole community. It is only through a united effort from governments, communities and individuals that we can reduce its impact and prevalence.

The Aboriginal Justice Agreement aims to deliver a safer community and better justice outcomes for Aboriginal Territorians.

Budget 2022 aims to benefit all Territorians by investing in the prevention of domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV). The importance of this work is underpinned by the recent appointment of the first Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence. New investments in Budget 2022 include:

- \$14.3 million National partnership on DFSV
- \$10.7 million for safe house upgrades and support
- \$1.2 million to establish the DFSV Interagency Coordination and Reform Office to coordinate Government response and future investment in DFSV prevention in partnership with non-government organisations and the Commonwealth
- \$1 million per annum to increase specialist DFSV services, including counselling, outreach, flexible support packages, and practice management and supervision

- \$1 million per annum to establish an annual early intervention grant program to change the trajectory for people or groups identified as being at higher than average risk of DFSV
- an additional \$0.5 million per annum to increase the funding pool of the *Safe, Respected and Free from Violence Prevention Grants* program to \$1.5 million.

The Department of Health will direct \$1.5 million towards DFSV services including:

- \$0.8 million per annum to establish an Aboriginal-led community-based specialist sexual assault service to build local and regional capacity and commission new services including counsellors and other experts
- \$0.6 million per annum for culturally safe training to be delivered in hospitals and primary health settings across the NT, to upskill hospital and health centre staff to identify, refer, report and respond to DFSV

- an additional \$0.1 million per annum to improve capability and reduce waiting times at the Ruby Gaea Darwin Centre Against Sexual Violence, which provides support and counselling to women and children who have experienced sexual assault.

Aboriginal Justice Agreement

The Aboriginal Justice Agreement is a partnership between the Territory Government, Aboriginal Territorians and Aboriginal organisations, and seeks to improve justice outcomes and services for Aboriginal people in the Territory. The Agreement aims to:

- reduce reoffending and imprisonment rates of Aboriginal Territorians
- engage and support Aboriginal leadership across the Territory
- improve justice responses and services to Aboriginal Territorians.

Budget 2022 provides an additional \$3.25 million each year to continue implementing the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, which includes:

- \$2.7 million per annum to operate the Alice Springs Life Skills Camp and establish the Groote Eylandt Cultural Rehabilitation Camp as an alternative to custody
- \$0.3 million per annum to partner with local Aboriginal leaders to establish and support Law and Justice Groups
- \$0.25 million per annum to develop and establish community courts in consultation with Aboriginal communities, members of the judiciary and other relevant legal stakeholders.