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**Question:**

The 2015 Senate Inquiry into Domestic Violence in Australia recommended that the Commonwealth Government take leadership in the facilitation of effective police responses to domestic and family violence. Are you able to provide the Committee with what programs have been instigated in order to achieve this?

**Answer:**

Whilst police responses to domestic and family violence are primarily the responsibility of states and territories, the Commonwealth Government is taking leadership on this issue.

The Australian Government is providing \$13.5 million to expand the number of DV-alert workshops to ensure that community frontline staff including police, social workers, emergency department staff and community workers can better support women at risk of, or experiencing, family and domestic violence.

The Australian Government is working bilaterally with jurisdictions to identify and implement measures that allow police to better respond to violence, including domestic and family violence, in Indigenous communities. Under the Women's Safety Package, the Australian Government invested \$21 million for a range of activities targeted at reducing Indigenous domestic and family violence, including activities to enable police to better respond to domestic violence in remote communities and hold perpetrators to account. In April 2015, COAG agreed to work collaboratively to improve outcomes for Indigenous Australians, including through increasing policing in remote communities.

The Australian Government response to the Senate Inquiry into Domestic Violence in Australia is currently in progress and is expected to be tabled later in 2016.