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**Question:**

The 2015 Senate Inquiry also recommended that the government lead and co-ordinate the work to facilitate data collection in regards to domestic violence in Australia, as the current methods and data are not good, are you able to update the committee on whether this recommendation has been actioned, and if so what steps have been taken to achieve it?

**Answer:**

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.

The recommendation from the Senate Inquiry's Final Report is:

*Recommendation 5: The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government lead and coordinate the work to facilitate data collection pursuant to the National Data Collection and Reporting Framework.*

The Australian Government supports this recommendation in-principle, noting that under the First Action Plan of the National Plan, all Australian governments committed to the development of a National Data Collection and Reporting Framework (DCRF). To support the development of the DCRF under the First Action Plan, the Department of Social Services (DSS) funded the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to conduct a series of projects. The Foundation for a National Data Collection and Reporting Framework for Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (conceptual framework) was finalised in September 2014 by the ABS. The framework was the result of wide consultation with researchers, service providers, state and territory police and corrections services, hospitals and other health services and accommodation providers.

DSS has also funded the ABS to work with state and territory police, courts and corrections agencies to add family and domestic violence data items into their existing recorded crime datasets.

DSS is working with other relevant agencies such as the ABS, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and state governments to progress this work under the Third Action Plan.

The Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) was established under the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, 2010-2022* to provide research evidence which drives policy and practice to reduce violence against women and their children. The Commonwealth is providing ANROWS with \$10.2 million over six years (2016-2022).