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**Estimates hearings of 22-23 May 2006: correction to response**

Dear Mr Sands

I wish to correct some evidence tabled for the Committee during the appearance of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at the 23 May 2006 hearings of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee.

On 22 May 2006 Senator the Hon Chris Evans asked for details of the individual projects under the Family Violence Partnership Programme. On 23 May 2006 I tabled this information. One project was incorrectly included in the project list, and I would like to clarify the facts and correct the record.

The Cumeragunja project was included in the list and portrayed as being funded by the Australian Government and the New South Wales government. It has subsequently come to my attention that while the Australian Government had approved the project, the New South Wales government has advised that the project will not proceed.

I have attached a revised table of all projects under the Family Violence Partnership Programme and I would appreciate you bringing this matter to the attention of the Committee.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6271 5301.

Yours sincerely

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**Approved Family Violence Partnership Programme projects with project funding agreements.  
Funding exclusive of GST, except where otherwise indicated by \*.**

State	Project Title	Project description	Aust Govt Total	State contribution	Combined Total
ACT	WNAH Family Violence Programme Project (ACT)	Consolidation of the current programmes being delivered through the social health team, via the employment of a Social Health Services Coordinator. The service will be providing programmes targeting the wellbeing and future resilience of children and youth affected by violence.	\$86,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$86,000
NSW	Kup-Poon-Dee Community Outreach Programme Project (Raymond Terrace and wider Port Stephens area)	This project will work to better foster family skills and parenting within the Raymond Terrace and wider Port Stephens area. Through the Wariga Ngurra Refuge Program's men's worker the project will be aimed at perpetrators of family violence using counselling and referrals on an individual case management basis.	\$80,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$0	\$80,000
NSW	Rekindling the Spirit (Lismore)	The project will provide capital funding for the purchase of a building in the Lismore area of NSW. The project will also provide a number of culturally appropriate services that address the causal factors of family violence and child abuse.	\$500,000	\$1,903,600	\$2,403,600
NT	Empowering Indigenous Communities to Identify, Address and Monitor Family Violence Issues (Tiwi Islands and Nyirringalung Region)	The project was developed following consultations with social scientists, crime specialists, ABS representatives, epidemiologists and people with vast experience working with remote Indigenous Communities. The consultations were undertaken to identify which methods and instruments were appropriate for use in remote communities, which were not and to determine how communities could best monitor changes in local levels of family violence. The project involves piloting a staged implementation of the developed model of identifying and monitoring family violence. Community members will be trained in use of the model and will develop local responses to family violence identified using the model. The project seeks to trial the model in up to six remote communities and then undertake an evaluation.	\$51,818	\$99,091	\$150,909

<sup>1</sup> This project was funded in 2005-06 and is not a multi-year project.

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NT	Stop It Before It Starts (All of NT - school counsellors' training kit)	"Stop It Before It Starts" kits were developed by the NT govt using Commonwealth funding under the previous Partnerships Against Domestic Violence program. This project will provide training for school counsellors across the NT to deliver the kit to the target group (12 to 15yo children) thus helping them identify and avoid family violence.	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$200,000
NT	Interventions for Children Who Have Been Exposed to Domestic/Family Violence (Katherine)	This project consists of five phases: The 1 <sup>st</sup> phase identifies appropriate therapeutic models and interventions for children who have been exposed to family violence. The interventions must be culturally appropriate and able to be delivered in remote areas. In the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of the project will trial the therapeutic interventions in a shelter with a substantial number of Indigenous children. A kit will also be developed, tested and refined. The 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase will involve trialling the kit whilst training staff in shelters, school staff and community workers who come into contact with children at risk. The 4 <sup>th</sup> phase will involve training and distribution of the kit to additional remote communities. Minor refinements of the model may also occur. The 5 <sup>th</sup> phase will focus on the evaluation and ensuring the sustainability of the therapeutic interventions developed throughout the project.	\$214,895	\$105,353	\$320,248
NT	Community Patrols (Mutitjulu, Belyuen, Aputula, East Arnhem)	Consultation, planning, training and implementation of volunteer and part-funded community patrols in up to 4 Indigenous communities each year. The patrols will be developed to meet the needs of individual communities but will be subject to standardised monitoring and evaluation. The patrols will support Indigenous families who are experiencing violence.	\$360,000*	\$501,000*	\$861,000
NT	Indigenous FV Offender Programme (Tiwi, Yuendumu, Oenpelli, Ntaria and 12 other communities)	The project will train and support Indigenous facilitators to work in remote communities and teach people how to change violent behaviour using a structured 50-hour programme.	\$467,500	\$542,500	\$1,010,000
NT	Safe Families (Alice Springs)	The Safe Families project aims to prevent family breakdown as a result of family violence. The project will be based in Alice Springs and has three components: Family Workers; Family House; and a Kids' House. Together the three components provide early intervention, crisis response and recovery opportunities for children, young people and families at risk of family violence.	\$915,694	\$996,858	\$1,912,552

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NT	Jidan Gudbalawei - Peace at Home (Katherine, Borroloola)	The project will develop and deliver therapeutic interventions for children exposed to family violence and train shelter workers, school teachers and other service providers to assist these clients.	\$946,028	\$1,554,355	\$2,500,383
NT	Mutitjulu Multi Purpose Centre (Mutitjulu, Central Australia)	Part of a W-O-G response to a Communities-in-Crisis initiative, the establishment of a police post in Mutitjulu will reduce family violence in the community by providing a permanent police presence. The facility will be used as a police post but will also meet other relevant community needs.	\$1,000,000	\$420,000	\$1,420,000.00
QLD	Safe Havens: Feeling Safe, Belonging Place (Cherbourg, Mornington Island, Palm Island and Coen)	The Safe Havens project model involves four sites in the Cherbourg, Mornington Island, Palm Island and Coen communities. It is proposed that this model will operate as service hub and appropriate facilities will be built in all four communities to provide a range of services including: a meal, bed, referral, outreach and a drop-in centre. The facilities will provide children and young people with safe refuge for up to 10 days, while family members, community workers and child safety officers evaluate the capacity building potential of the extended family to safely support the child in the future. Project includes capital (approx \$1.2m per site), a contribution to salaries for carers, community workers and some operational (set-up) costs.	\$7,500,000	\$10,380,000	\$17,880,000
SA	Indigenous Women's Stories and Languages Project (Adelaide)	The project will promote discussion and community understanding of Family Violence through the use of language and story telling. The use of language and story telling provides a positive outlet to affirm culture, identity and self worth for victims of violence. Indigenous women affected by family violence often feel marginalised and isolated and this project will help overcome this barrier by seeking to build an ongoing social support network. Participants will also have an opportunity to record their stories, poems, songs or anecdotes and make these available to other women.	\$27,000 <sup>3</sup>	\$0	\$27,000
SA	Aboriginal Family Wellbeing: Addressing Underlying Factors that Contribute to FV (Gilles Plains, Angle Park, Port Adelaide)	The Family Wellbeing approach has been developed by the SA govt to equip people with communication and conflict resolution skills that will address causes of family violence. It is an education and counselling program using Aboriginal workers in the community. This project will contribute to operational costs and employ 4 additional workers and a coordinator.	\$1,321,923	\$375,000	\$1,696,923

<sup>3</sup> This project was funded in 2005-06 and is not a multi-year project.

State	Project Title	Project description	Aust Govt Total	State contribution	Combined Total
SA	Yalata Multi Purpose Community Centre (Ceduna)	The project will see the construction of a multi purpose community learning and cultural centre for the Yalata Aboriginal Community, located 200km west of Ceduna. The project will focus on reducing violence and substance abuse in the community.	\$1,650,000*	\$1,800,000*	\$3,450,000
SA	Rekindling Indigenous Family Relationships in the Riverland of South Australia (Riverland, SA)	The project has two components: 1- Family Well Being Program is a family violence counselling and education program that provides participants with the skills for effective communication and conflict resolution. It will be run through the Berri campus of the Murray TAFE. Participants can also be trained to deliver the program and so become a support worker in their own community. 2- The Family and Community Enhancement Program aims to develop a range of additional services in the Riverland to address family violence. The focus is to increase community awareness and understanding of family violence issues; providing support services to individuals and families including information, counselling, case management; identifying barriers to utilising existing services and ways to overcome them; building the capacity of services and agencies; developing partnerships between the Aboriginal community, local service providers and State and Government agencies to address issues of family violence and child abuse issues. Two staff will be employed, a Community Enhancement Coordinator and Family Well Being Program Facilitator. These staff will be supported by other community health workers and the program will be managed and supported by senior officers in the Health Service.	\$780,705*	\$610,842*	\$1,391,547
TAS	Aboriginal Family Violence Rehabilitation Programme (Tasmania)	The project aims to strengthen the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community through developing and implementing strategies to break the cycle of substance abuse and family violence. A rehabilitation model for Aboriginal offenders within the Safe at Home criminal justice system in Tasmania will ensure that Aboriginal offenders participate in Indigenous specific rather than mainstream offender treatment programmes.	\$59,830	\$20,200	\$80,030
TAS	Cape Barren Island SRA (Furneaux Island group, NE Tas)	The Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association Inc will be supported to address the acute problem of family violence on Cape Barren Island. The project will focus on development of educational and support programmes that promote stronger family relationships and the provision of a network of professional supports.	\$140,000 <sup>4</sup>	\$0	\$140,000

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VIC	Time Out Centres (Locations to be selected)	The project will provide capital funding for two men's time-out services to help prevent Indigenous family violence by providing a safe, culturally appropriate place for Indigenous men to go and calm down so that they do not commit a violent act. The Victorian government will provide operational costs.	\$800,000	\$470,000	\$1,270,000
VIC	Holistic Family Healing Centres (East Gippsland, Loddon Mallee South)	The project will provide capital funding to establish two holistic family healing centres to help prevent, reduce and respond to Indigenous family violence by providing a venue for culturally appropriate family violence programmes and services. The Victorian government will provide operational costs.	\$2,000,000	\$1,550,000	\$3,550,000
WA	Supporting the Kullari Indigenous Women's Aboriginal Corporation in relation to Domestic Violence and Child Abuse. (5 language groups around: Broome, Bidyadanga, Beagle Bay, Lombadina/Djarindjin, One Arm Point and outstations).	The project will support the Kullari Indigenous Women's Aboriginal Corporation to deliver a range of family violence services in WA via employment and training of two women in each of the following locations: Broome, Bidyadanga, Beagle Bay, Lombadina/Djarindjin, One Arm Point and outstations. The women in the communities form part of a small hub of women working as wardens, working in women's centres and providing opportunities for women's activities, support, awareness raising, assistance in managing disclosures and guidance to women and children within the Kullari Region in relation to domestic violence and child abuse. This women's hub will provide the link between women and children experiencing abuse and government workers.	\$572,000	\$132,000	\$704,000
WA	Western Australian Indigenous Family Healing Project (Perth, Kalgoorlie, Mandurah, Geraldton, South Hedland, and Bunbury)	The project will provide support and expertise for healing initiatives among various groups (ie. women's, men's and young people). The project will be provided through two different delivery models either an outreach service or a single service delivery point. All services including individual counselling and group healing will be delivered in all regional locations, with healing services to be provided for a women's group in the Perth area.	\$2,664,000	\$1,100,000	\$3,764,000
WA	Yorgum Family Violence Community Development Project (Perth)	The project will enable workshops and other community development initiatives such as camps and gatherings to be held to discuss family violence.	\$52,000 <sup>5</sup>	\$0	\$52,000

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