

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Supplementary Hearings 2002-2003, 20 November 2002

Question: PM 11

Outcome 1, Output 2.2

Topic: *Partnerships Against Domestic Violence* (PADV) Initiative

Direct on Notice

Senator Crossin asked: When was the last time the Task Force on Domestic Violence met?

Answer: The *Partnerships Against Domestic Violence* Taskforce last met on 25 and 26 July 2002 in Canberra.

Question: PM 12

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Senator Crossin asked: How often are they supposed to meet?

Answer: The terms of reference for the *Partnerships Against Domestic Violence* (PADV) Taskforce allow for meetings to be held up to three times per calendar year.

Question: PM 13

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Senator Crossin asked: Does the Taskforce make recommendations on grant funding?

Answer: The *Partnerships Against Domestic Violence* (PADV) Taskforce does not make recommendations on funding under the National Indigenous Family Violence Grants Programme. A Selection Advisory Group made up of Indigenous community members and Commonwealth, State and Territory officials in Indigenous affairs and Indigenous family violence makes these recommendations.

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Senator Crossin asked: Why the delay?

Answer: There was a delay of two months in the closing date for applications for Major Projects under the final round of the National Indigenous Family Violence Grants Programme. This was to allow Round 2 Capacity Building projects to finish. Successful completion of Round 2 Capacity Building projects was a requirement for applying for final round Major Project funding.

Question: PM 15 & 16

Outcome 1, Output 2.2

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Senator Crossin asked: If the money has not been given out, is it because you disagree with the recommendations of the Taskforce? When will funds be given out?

Answer: The *Partnerships Against Domestic Violence (PADV)* Taskforce does not make recommendations on grants funding under the National Indigenous Family Violence Grants Programme. Recommendations on grants funding are made by a Selection Advisory Group made up of Indigenous community members and Commonwealth, State and Territory officials in Indigenous affairs and Indigenous family violence. Funding Agreements were negotiated in December 2002 with successful Indigenous organisations.

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Senator Crossin asked: Last estimates we were told that you couldn't spend \$4.3 million of PADV money, as you could not find suitable programme managers. What has happened to this money that was underspent? Has it been rolled into this year's budget?

Answer: \$4.3 million has been re-phased from the 2001-02 financial year into the 2003-04 financial year.

Question: PM 18

Outcome 1, Output 2.2

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Senator Crossin asked: Has any money been spent since we last met, in May? If so, how much and please detail the programmes?

Answer:

<i>Partnerships Against Domestic Violence Initiative</i>	Expenditure May 02- Nov 02 inclusive
Phase 2 Programme area	
Community awareness inc. A Business Approach	554,042
Indigenous family violence	1,084,222
Women's services	50,044
Perpetrators	1,016,529
Children at risk	611,610
Clearinghouse	186,296
Evaluation/ Taskforce consultant	71,422
Printing/ Secretariat/ High Level Taskforce	171,552
Total	3,745,717

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Senator Crossin asked: How much has gone to Indigenous family violence?

Answer: Expenditure on Indigenous family violence for the period May 02 to November 02 inclusive was \$1,084,222.

Question: PM 20

Outcome 1, Output 2.2

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Senator Crossin asked: Would you consider Indigenous family violence a priority of the government?

Answer: *Partnerships Against Domestic Violence* is part of the Howard Government's commitment to help stop domestic violence. \$10 million of the \$50 million for *Partnerships* has been directed specifically to indigenous family violence projects.

Question: PM 21

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Senator Crossin asked: Last estimates we asked the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) if they could use domestic violence money – they stated that they were “*constantly advocating for increased effort in this area*” and that although they had already spent \$4.9 million annually on programmes related to family violence, the “demand was much greater than that” and they could easily expend an extra \$4.3 million. Would you agree with this statement?

Answer: This is a matter for ATSIC.

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Senator Crossin asked: Have you given any consideration to increasing these extra funds to this area?

Answer: \$10 million from the total \$50 million of PADV funds has been allocated specifically to Indigenous family violence.

Question: PM 23

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Senator Crossin asked: Is there a national peak body for domestic violence services across Australia? If so, is it funded by the Commonwealth Government and if so, where from?

Answer: The Women's Services Network (WESNET) is a national organisation that provides advocacy on behalf of approximately 400 member organisations that are predominantly Supported Accommodation Assistance Program crisis accommodation services. There are also a number of other services and bodies that focus on domestic violence that are not members of WESNET.

The Australian Federation of Homeless Organisations (AFHO) is the peak organisation that is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services through the National Secretariats Program to represent the needs of people who are homeless including women and children escaping domestic violence. AFHO received \$250,000 from the Commonwealth in 2001-2002 to support its activities. WESNET is a member of AFHO and receives a contribution from AFHO for the contributions it makes to the national body.

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Senator Crossin asked: If not, how does the Commonwealth Government receive input and consult with service providers working with men, women and children on domestic violence?

Answer: There are a wide range of service providers and stakeholders across the domestic violence area and *Partnerships Against Domestic Violence (PADV)* consulted across these stakeholders. WESNET was contracted to undertake community consultations which fed into the first phase of PADV. This role was part of the consultancy with the Department of Family and Community Services for PADV. Many PADV projects across both phases have inbuilt consultation mechanisms, for example the national consultations being undertaken by Health Outcomes International for the Improving Women's Safety project under the perpetrators priority area.

In addition to the above processes, the PADV initiative accesses Commonwealth, State and Territory government consultation mechanisms. The Commonwealth Government addresses domestic violence issues through the Department of Family and Community Services (men's relationship issues, family relationship issues, young people's issues, crisis accommodation issues); the Department of the Transport and Regional Services (regional services, regional women's issues, the Regional Women's Advisory Group); the Attorney-General's Department (legal aid issues, family mediation services, model domestic violence legislation); and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (multicultural and Indigenous affairs). Each element of the Commonwealth's system addressing domestic violence has different consultation mechanisms.