

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 36

Senator Evans asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2006:

In relation to family violence prevention:

- (a) What was the title of the program output moved from one area of ATSIC to another relating to family violence prevention in early 2003?
- (b) Did this occur before the Prime Minister's summit on Indigenous family violence?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

a) The title of the program output was 'Family Violence Prevention'. A short timeline showing the history of this program is below.

ATSIC (1998-2003)

A Family Violence Prevention section was established within the Legal and Prevention Services – Law and Justice Branch, within the Culture, Rights and Law Group.

Family Violence Prevention consisted of two programs, the Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLS) and the Regional Family Violence Program (RFVP). The FVPLS supported 13 units in rural and remote areas providing assistance to Indigenous people affected by violence and sexual abuse. The RFVP is a regional program supporting the development of local regional programs.

ATSIS (2003-04)

Family Violence Prevention was transferred in 2003-04 to the Health and Welfare Branch of the Social and Physical Wellbeing Group.

2004-06

At the closing of ATSIC/ATSIS, Family Violence Prevention was divided as follows:

The Attorney-General's Department (AGD)

The FVPLS was transferred in 2004-05 to AGD. The FVPLS network expanded from 13 to 26 units.

Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS)

The RFVP was transferred in 2004-05 to FaCS. At this time the program name was changed to the Family Violence Partnership Program (FVPP). This was in recognition that by 2003-04 the RFVP was also responsible for the bilateral agreements with state and territories. The FVPP will broker partnerships with state and territories to fund state, regional and local projects.

b) No.