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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

What responsibility do you have for ensuring the plan is implemented?

a. How will the Government's cuts affect the plan's implementation?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) has developed governance, implementation, monitoring and evaluation arrangements for the Third Action Plan. These arrangements were agreed to by Commonwealth, state and territory government senior officials (the Implementation Executive Group (ImpEG)) on 6 March 2017.

ImpEG is responsible for the implementation of the Third Action Plan, reporting to Women's Safety Ministers on progress.

DSS is responsible for implementing actions and continued engagement with states and territories on progress.

The Attorney-General's Department is responsible for funding of community legal centres.

There have been no cuts to the \$100 million package for Commonwealth initiatives to support the Third Action Plan.