

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities**

**Question No: SQ17-000262**

**Topic: National Action Plan**

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**Senator Louise Pratt asked:**

As the plan is now more than half way through (2010-2022), what progress have you achieved to date against the four high level indicators of change identified in the National Plan? (Reduced prevalence of domestic violence and sexual assault, Increased proportion of women feeling safe in their communities, Reduced deaths related to domestic violence and sexual assault, Reduced proportion of children exposed to their mother's or carer's experience of domestic violence)

**Answer:**

Data being developed through the implementation of the National Data Collection and Reporting Framework (DCRF) provides an increasingly accurate picture of prevalence, justice responses and deaths related to family and domestic violence, and the consistency and comparability of this data are improving all the time. The latest data published by the ABS on victims of family and domestic violence is available at <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4510.0>.

The Personal Safety Survey 2016 and the National Community Attitudes to Violence against Women Survey 2017 will provide the first real indication of progress on a national level.

The Department is working with the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the Australian Bureau of Statistics on a cross-sectional data project which will gradually strengthen data collections and options for data linkages across Australia. Measurement of a sustained reduction in violence against women and improved outcomes for women and their children will improve over the next six years.

The Commonwealth Government, in partnership with the states and Territories and the community as a whole, is committed to leading a strong national approach to reduce violence against women and their children, as outlined in the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (National Plan).

The National Plan sets out an ambitious framework for action to respond better to and support women and children who have experienced (or are at risk of) violence, to hold perpetrators to account for their actions and to prevent violence from occurring in the first place.

Please also note response to SQ17-000258.