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Topic: National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and Children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and children. In the Minister's speech at the launch of the plan on 15 February 2011 she states:

- We are increasing support for frontline workers and rewarding States and Territories when they promote best practice perpetrator interventions.
- We are improving services for victims of domestic violence through reform projects and we are funding a new National Centre of Excellence for research into sexual assault and family and domestic violence.
 - 1) Please advise how the Government is increasing support for frontline workers and how the Government will reward States and Territories when they promote best practice perpetrator interventions.
 - 2) Please advise how the Government will improve services for victims of domestic violence through reform projects; what reform projects are being contemplated?
 - 3) How much funding has been provided for the new National Centre of Excellence for research into sexual assault and family and domestic violence?

Answer:

- 1) a) Funds have been allocated to expand the operation of 1800 RESPECT from 2011-12. Consultation has commenced with state and territory officials to examine existing service provision to support frontline workers.
 - b) \$4.6 million has been committed for a once-off reward payment to states and territories in 2013-14.
- 2) The Reform Projects will ensure that the service system is better responding to the needs of women and their children experiencing or at risk of domestic and family violence. Reforms projects are being contemplated in the areas of:
 - women with disability
 - children exposed to domestic violence
 - issues affecting women transitioning to stability post violence
 - risk assessment in the health sector
 - workforce development
 - community safety planning in remote service delivery communities
 - community policing best practice.
- 3) \$6.9 million has been committed for the National Centre for Excellence.