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Senator: Senator Claire Moore

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Question:

Senator MOORE: Well COAG is now the senior group. Why is that difficult? Would it not be a question, Minister, to your COAG comrades to say: what is the Queensland commitment to domestic violence, what is the New South Wales commitment to domestic violence?

Senator Cash: We could obviously take that on notice for you. It is a whole-of-government issue and then you would need to go to each state individually and ask what is their actual spend because a lot of what the Commonwealth funds is matched by the states. Then in terms of where the state itself prioritises, that would obviously be an item for each individual state.

Answer:

See <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/women/publications-articles/reducing-violence/national-plan-to-reduce-violence-against-women-and-their-children/economic-cost-of-violence-against-women-and-their-children>.

This report provides the latest holistic picture of the economic impact of violence against women nationally, as well as an indication of how much is being spent across systems on the issue. A current breakdown of comparable expenditure of government by jurisdictions is unavailable.