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Question:

Given the higher incidence of domestic violence towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, why did the Government's recently announced \$100m Women's Safety package not include funding for Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Services? Will the Government make more funding available for these services?

Answer:

The initiatives funded as part of the Women's Safety Package will help keep all women, including Indigenous women, safe from violence.

The package includes \$21 million for activities targeted specifically to Indigenous families, with a strong focus on preventing violence from occurring in the first place.

In the recent Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) funding round, the Government maintained funding to all existing family violence prevention legal services, and increased funding for services in the Northern Territory. The Government has also provided multi-year agreements to all family violence prevention legal service providers to give certainty to frontline services.