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**Question:**

The PM&C organisation chart now shows a temporary division, the Women's Safety Taskforce.

- a) What is the function of the taskforce?
- b) What staffing does it have?
- c) How long will it be in existence?
- d) What is its relationship to the OFW?

**Answer:**

- a) The Women's Safety Taskforce (the Taskforce) has been established to coordinate and oversee women's safety matters, and provide policy and secretariat support to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Advisory Panel on Reducing Violence against Women and their Children.
- b) As of 20 October 2015, the Taskforce has 19.08 full-time equivalent staff including one secondee from both DSS and AGD.
- c) The Taskforce is a temporary unit.
- d) The Taskforce sits alongside and works closely with the Office for Women.