

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017**

**Attorney General's Department**

**Program: 1.4 Justice Services**

**Question No. BE17-221**

**Senator Kakoschke-Moore, Skye asked the following question on 28 August 2017:**

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Attorney, I think you referenced this a little earlier about support for families experiencing domestic violence in the context of disputes in the Family Court: can you point to which Family Courts will receive more duty lawyers through this particular program?

Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: If that answer could include a state-by-state breakdown, that would be great.

Senator Brandis: Yes.

**The response to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) is an initiative delivering \$18.5 million over three years (2016 – 2019) for legal aid commissions to provide enhanced services to families experiencing family violence. The FASS expands the existing duty lawyer capacity at family law court registries and integrates trauma-informed social support services. A breakdown of service locations and funding is below.

<b>State</b>	<b>Locations</b>	<b>16–17 \$(m)</b>	<b>17–18 \$(m)</b>	<b>18–19 \$(m)</b>	<b>Total \$(m)</b>
<b>New South Wales</b>	- Sydney Family Law Courts Registry	1.022	1.665	1.665	4.352
	- Parramatta Family Law Courts Registry				
	- Newcastle Family Law Courts Registry				
	- Wollongong Family Law Courts Registry				
<b>Victoria</b>	- Melbourne Family Law Courts Registry	0.746	1.240	1.240	3.226
	- Dandenong Family Law Courts Registry				
<b>Queensland</b>	- Brisbane Family Law Courts Registry	0.681	1.110	1.110	2.901
	- Cairns Family Law Courts Registry				

	- Townsville Family Law Courts Registry				
<b>Western Australia</b>	- Family Law Court of Western Australia, Perth - Family Law Court of Western Australia, Circuits – Albany, Broome, Bunbury, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie	0.391	0.655	0.655	1.701
<b>South Australia</b>	- Adelaide Family Law Courts Registry - Family Law Courts – Mount Gambier Circuit	0.371	0.610	0.610	1.591
<b>Tasmania</b>	- Hobart Family Law Courts Registry - Launceston Family Law Courts Registry - Family Law Courts – Burnie Circuit	0.366	0.605	0.605	1.576
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>	- Canberra Family Law Courts Registry	0.341	0.555	0.555	1.451
<b>Northern Territory</b>	- Northern Territory Local Court in Darwin and Katherine	0.319	0.538	0.538	1.394
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4.235</b>	<b>6.978</b>	<b>6.978</b>	<b>18.190</b>