

Mr Phillip Bailey Principal Research Officer Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee Australian Senate Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Bailey

Inquiry into Legal Aid and Access to Justice (Questions on Notice from Hearing)

Your wrote to Mr Les Turner (Group Manager, Culture, Rights and Justice) on 25 February 2004 regarding a Question on Notice taken from the Legal and Constitution References Committee on 9 February 2004.

Please find attached ATSIS's response to this question concerning the Family Violence Prevention Legal Services.

Yours sincerely

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Group Manager

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2 March 2004

Written Question on notice - 9 February 2004 Legal and Constitution Reference Committee Inquiry into Legal Aid and access to Justice

Question:

You mentioned earlier that the Family Violence Prevention Legal Service had been established. There are 13 of them. You may want to take this on notice but can someone tell us where they have been established and what sort of resourcing is allocated to each one?

Answer:

Thirteen Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLS) are located in remote, rural and regional areas. Funding for the FVPLS in 2003/04 is \$4.8 million. An amount of \$0.7 million was made available to engage a sexual assault worker. The following table gives a break down of the base funding allocated to each service. The table also shows funding provided to each service for the sexual assault worker. Two of the services have not received funding for the sexual assault worker because their project proposals are still to be finalised.

FVPLS Provider	Location	Base Funding	Sexual Assault Worker Funding
Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal	Alice Springs	\$313 770	\$48 115
Unit Walanbaa Yinnar Wahroo – Walgett Family Violence Prevention Unit	Walgett	\$324 002	\$34 334
Tharpuntoo Family Violence Unit	Cairns	\$294 002	\$46 884
Many Rivers Violence Prevention Unit	Kempsey	\$323 969	\$57 952
Darwin Family Violence Prevention Unit	Darwin	\$320 980	
Fitzroy Crossing Family Violence Prevention Unit	Fitzroy Crossing	\$294 002	\$33 652

FVPLS Provider	Location	Base Funding	Sexual Assault Worker Funding
Yamatji Family	Geraldton	\$294 002	\$27 622
Violence Prevention			
Unit			

Thungula Goothada –	Kalgoorlie	\$305 502	\$31 500
Family Support Legal			
Centre		***	858 646
Katherine Aboriginal	Katherine	\$305 502	\$62 646
Families' Support Unit			
Aboriginal and Torres	Melbourne	\$300 000	
Strait Islander			
Corporation Family			
Violence Prevention and			
Legal Service			
Mt Isa Indigenous	Mt Isa	\$314 002	\$37 129
Families Support Unit	3		
Warndu Wathilli - Carri	Port Augusta	\$306 126	\$50 000
Ngura Aboriginal			
Family Violence Legal	:		
Service			
Kamilaroi Family	Moree	\$336 857	\$36 458
Violence Legal Support			
Centre			