

Question on Notice
No. 599
Asked on 13 May 2021

**MR D LAST ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND
MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—**

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what research projects into domestic and family violence have been commissioned and/or funded by the Queensland Police Service in each financial year since 2014-15 and the financial commitment in each case?

ANSWER:

This Government will always put victims of domestic and family violence first, and will continue to deliver better services, better policies and better training for police.

The commitment of this government and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to the prevention of domestic and family violence is also reflected in the Queensland Government's *Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-2026*, the QPS *Strategic Plan 2020-2024*, the *Operational Plan 2020-21* and the *DFV Prevention Strategy*.

I am advised by the QPS that the *Not Now, Not Ever* report included several police-specific recommendations, all of which have been implemented. Since the release of this report, I am advised the QPS has undertaken the following projects, programs and initiatives with the aim of preventing domestic and family violence:

- Police launched Operation Sierra Alessa last year – an intensive state-wide pilot over two months that specifically targeted repeat offenders. This pilot identified nearly 320 perpetrators and led to a 56% reduction in domestic and family violence related incidents. As a result, police now continue to use these tactics to target more high risk and serious perpetrators;
- An online Domestic Violence reporting tool for people to report non-life-threatening matters;
- Specialist police Domestic and Family Violence Coordinators across the 15 Police Districts;
- A Deputy Police Commissioner to oversee the delivery of domestic and family violence reforms;
- A dedicated Domestic and Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Command, led by Assistant Commissioner Brian Codd;
- Police Vulnerable Persons Units;
- Domestic and Family Violence Coordinators in the Brisbane Police Communications Centre to provide support to frontline officers;
- GPS electronic monitoring devices for perpetrators;
- Extra training to equip frontline police with skills to better respond to victims of domestic and family violence;
- High-Risk Teams to provide a timely, multi-agency response to domestic and family violence;
- Specific Vulnerable Persons training for frontline police;

- Improved access to frontline technology with mobile QLITE devices – this means Police Protection Notices can be issued in the field;
- Placement of a number of specialist officers in all fifteen police districts, including Domestic and Family Violence Coordinators, Mental Health Intervention Coordinators, LGBTI Liaison Officers and Police Liaison Officers.

I am advised by the QPS that the provision of precise funding details for research projects benefitting the QPS, which could include cross-government agency projects or projects funded by other agencies or organisations including research projects which are available publicly, is not easily available to the QPS.

However, I am advised that the QPS has recently endorsed an overarching plan of immediate, medium and long-term actions, which includes research trials, to enhance the policing of domestic and family violence-related matters through the:

- Delivery of key internal and external domestic and family violence prevention messaging;
- Delivery of coercive control training, Policing Enhancement Training and the Cultural Enhancement Training Program
- Research into the provision of resource modelling services;
- Testing of a High Risk/Harm Dashboard and other algorithmic analytical tools;
- A whole of service audit led by the Ethical Standards Command;
- A research trial involving service delivery models;
- Hosting a domestic and family violence and vulnerable persons conference with a range of experts and practitioners;
- Evaluation of the domestic violence taskforce;
- Establishment of a QPS domestic and family violence advisory group of key external stakeholders to help inform QPS strategy and practice;
- Development of a stand-alone domestic and family violence prevention manual to guide and shape policing responses;
- Development of a whole of service Quality Assurance and Performance Framework for domestic and family violence;
- Development of a standard of practice for District based Domestic, Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Units; and
- A system wide review of the prevention, disruption, investigation and response to domestic and family violence within the QPS

This government supports the Queensland Police Service in their research and proactive policing projects, programs and initiatives to protect victims of domestic and family violence.