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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 147

MS MORRIS: To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

1. How many ACT Government directorates and ACT Government-funded organisations received domestic violence awareness training funded via the Safer Families Levy, and can the Minister provide a list of each directorate/organisation that received the training funded by the Safer Families Levy.
2. What was the total cost of the training, per financial year, since the levy's inception.
3. What was the cost of the training for each directorate/organisation, per financial year, since the levy's inception.
4. Do each of the directorates/organisations, referred to in part (1), have a training budget; if so, can the Minister confirm (a) the total budget for training per financial year, per directorate/organisation and (b) why the domestic violence awareness training was not covered by this training budget.
5. Who delivered the training.
6. What was the purpose of the training.
7. What outcomes, beneficial to the ACT community, can be attributed to the training.
8. Will the Minister publicly release the training program/package.

Marisa Paterson MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. In the 2019-20 Budget, \$2.831m was committed over four years to deliver training to ACT Government workers on domestic and family violence.



	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)	2021-22 (\$'000)	2022-23 (\$'000)	TOTAL (\$'000)
Safer Families – Training workers to respond to family violence*	992	700	572	567	2,831

*As outlined on page 423 of the 2019-20 Budget Outlook.

Funding was directly appropriated to the following directorates to deliver the initiative:

- Community Services Directorate
- Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
- Education Directorate
- Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
- Health Directorate
- Justice and Community Safety Directorate
- Transport, Canberra and City Services Directorate

In the 2022-23 financial year, 'Building your Awareness of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence in the Workplace – Foundation training for ACT Government Staff' (Building Your Awareness) eLearning modules were developed for all ACT Government staff.

- The total cost of the training per year is outlined above. To develop the Building Your Awareness eLearn, \$42,000 was used from the 2022-23 allocation to engage the University of New South Wales to develop the training.
- The directorate allocations were as follows:

	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)	2021-22 (\$'000)	2022-23 (\$'000)	TOTAL (\$'000)
Community Services Directorate	551	186	168	159	1,064
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate	96	5			101
Education Directorate	6	140	67	68	281
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate	5	0	1	0	6
Health Directorate	216	297	296	300	1,109
Justice and Community Safety Directorate	58	58	26	26	168
Transport, Canberra and City Services Directorate	60	14	14	14	102

In 2020-21, a decision was made to pool all funding for ease of contract arrangements with training providers.

- Training is delivered and funded through a combination of core competencies, and training or courses specific to business units. The establishment of the ACT Government Domestic Violence Training was in response to a number of reviews, including the [Glanfield Review](#), which

recommended that adequate resources be made available to deliver training on family violence to frontline workers. In 2019-20, the ACT Government acknowledged that the establishment of a new training program required additional and dedicated funding.

5. Women's Legal Centre, Domestic Violence Crisis Service and the YWCA delivered the training. The Building Your Awareness eLearn was developed by the Gendered Violence Research Network at the University of New South Wales.
6. The purpose of the training is to provide ACTPS staff with information and tools to assist in recognising and responding to domestic, family and sexual violence in the workplace and community.
7. Staff who complete the training have improved capability in recognising and responding to disclosures of domestic, family and sexual violence, including how to support staff and refer to available services.
8. The Building Your Awareness eLearn was developed based on the information needs and domestic violence entitlements of the ACT Public Service. It is not available for public release.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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