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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 5****Friday, 11 April 2025****Question No. 344****MR RATTENBURY:** To ask the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

1. In relation to the delay to the Domestic Violence Information Sharing legislation which is now 18 months old, what procurement work is underway and what are the steps in the timeline for the procurement.
2. What support is being provided by the Government to organisations in the sector who have been engaged in the work to deliver the Government's agenda in good faith over the last year in terms of remuneration or support, especially given this kind of work takes their limited staff and project funds away from their core work.

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

1. The Domestic and Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (the scheme) is a significant whole of government reform in which the delay to the Scheme's commencement by up to 18 months will support the necessary cultural and systematic change needed to maintain and promote the safety of victim survivors.

Work will continue in collaboration with Government and the sector to progress and finalise the critical, foundational work required to implement the Scheme which will include procurement, where appropriate. Work includes developing a Ministerial Protocol in consultation with DFV sector; identifying an Information Sharing Coordinator; updating the common Risk Assessment and Management Framework (RAMF), which provides a common



understanding and language regarding risk; and the development and delivery of training on the information sharing scheme and updated risk assessment framework.

In relation to relevant procurement processes underway or planned to support this package of works:

- A procurement is underway to engage an independent academic expert to update the RAMF in consultation with the DFV sector with expected completion by late 2025.
 - A RAMF development and delivery of a training package, is currently being planned and scoped, with a view to commence face-to-face training for Government and sector frontline services in early 2026.
 - The development of an E-learn training to support ACT Government information sharing entities understand their role under the scheme. It is expected that these E-learn modules will be delivered and available for use by the end of 2025.
2. To date, planning for the Scheme has focused primarily on working with information sharing entities under the Scheme, all of which are ACT Government agencies.
- The new commencement date provides an opportunity for Government to meaningfully engage with specialist domestic, family and sexual violence response services to ensure there is a clear pathway forward in the important work that they do in supporting victim-survivors under the Scheme.

The Government acknowledges the vital role that sector organisations play in shaping and implementing policy reforms in the domestic and family violence space through investment of time, expertise, and resources from the local sector. Consideration will be given, through future procurement planning, to support the local sector to actively participate in and/or lead policy reforms.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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