

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — ONE-STOP HUBS

**587. Mrs L.A. MUNDAY to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:**

I refer to the WA Labor government election commitment to establish a one-stop family and domestic violence hub in regional Western Australia.

- (1) Can the minister update the house on the delivery of this hub, which will build on this government's investment in support services for victim-survivors?
- (2) Can the minister also inform the house of this morning's talks on family and domestic violence held by the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing?

**Ms S.E. WINTON replied:**

I thank the member for Dawesville for the question.

- (1)–(2) Of course, one-stop hubs were a key election commitment of this government to provide wraparound services to allow victim-survivors comfortable and easy access at times of need. We know that the \$64.8 million commitment is having an impact. It is having an impact in the hub in Kalgoorlie, which I visited, and it is having an impact in the hub in Mirrabooka. I am really happy to announce today that our third hub, for Broome, has now reached the stage of restricted tender. It is important to acknowledge that we have deliberately gone with a restricted tender for the Broome one-stop hub because we want Aboriginal organisations to be able to run that service and be key partners in influencing what services there are and how they will operate in Broome in that hub. It is a really important milestone.

People in Broome have told us that cultural healing and on-country activities are absolutely critical to prevent family and domestic violence and to support the healing and recovery process, and are an important area of primary prevention. I also want to acknowledge the member for Kimberley in this place. She is an extraordinary local member and quite an extraordinary woman who knows her community so, so well and spends her entire time advocating with all ministers, but I have had experience particularly around the prevention of family and domestic violence. I know that she is very pleased that we have taken this approach of having a restricted tender to make sure that the Broome prevention of family and domestic violence hub will serve the people of Broome and surrounds.

One of the most important primary prevention activities is to increase the awareness of family and domestic violence. We have made great gains in that regard in the last six years, but we have not done enough. By me saying we have not done enough, I mean that our community still has a long way to go. It is absolutely clear that we all need to play a part in changing the attitudes that lead to violence in our communities. The 16 Days in WA campaign, which has been running for the last few years and was started under the previous Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence, is a really great opportunity. For 16 days in November, the community comes together to make it clear that the prevention of family and domestic violence is everyone's responsibility. This year it will be a grassroots campaign that reflects the need for us to encourage conversations out in our community about violent behaviour. This year, for the first time, the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing, as well as Aboriginal Family Legal Services, have been provided grants to support local communities to get that message out during that campaign. I look forward to being able to support communities right across our state as we amplify the conversations we need to have as a community.

The theme for 2023 is "Stopping family and domestic violence—Play your part". Everyone has to play their part. Government is playing its part strongly. We have a resolute commitment to stopping family and domestic violence in this community. The community has its part to play. Whether it is employers, businesses, community groups or parents, we all have a role to play, and so I think the theme "Play your part" is the right one at this critical time when we are all talking about the unacceptable levels of family and domestic violence in our community.

The Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister for Police, Minister for Women's Interests, the Leader of the Liberal Party and I were pretty privileged to attend a really powerful event this morning at which people with lived experience had the opportunity to speak and tell us what needs to change. We also heard important contributions from various family and domestic violence sector partners. What was made abundantly clear to me at the event this morning is that no-one is apportioning blame. The message was loud and clear from victim-survivors, from the ones who are most impacted, that we must come together as a community and all play our part in this. Our government reaffirms its commitment to those people with lived experience and the family and domestic violence sector, as we have done for the last six years. In developing our Path to Safety and the Aboriginal Family First strategies over the last six years, the key planks have been talking to people with lived experience and working very closely with our sector partners.

In fact, the one-stop hub is a clear example of a model that was not developed by us; it came from the sector and we responded accordingly.

I reaffirm this government's commitment and my commitment to preventing the scourge of family and domestic violence, and I look forward to continuing to work with people with lived experience and the sector to address this issue.