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We proudly acknowledge Queensland’s First Nations communities and their ongoing strength in practising the world’s oldest living culture. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters on which we live, work, learn and play, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge the ongoing leadership role of the First Nations community in addressing and preventing domestic, family and sexual violence. We join with First Nations peoples to eliminate violence from all communities.

Acknowledgement of victim-survivors of domestic and family violence and sexual violence:

We pay our respects to victims and victim survivors of domestic and family violence and sexual violence. We acknowledge their resilience and courage. They remain at the forefront of our work and reform efforts. We want to again thank the countless survivors who courageously shared their experiences that will ultimately shape how we can best prevent and respond to issues of violence moving forward. We will continue to listen and take appropriate action to ensure the justice system allows all victims’ voices to be heard.

Joint message



**Premier of Queensland
and Minister for
the Olympic and
Paralympic Games**



**Attorney-General and Minister
for Justice and Minister for the
Prevention of Domestic and
Family Violence**

Message from the Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Women and girls across our state have spoken. They bravely told their stories so that others may avoid having to.

To honour those victim-survivors, we have listened and invested, and significant reform is underway.

The recommendations across both reports of the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce provide a clear path forward to overhaul our systems to better support Queensland women and girls and improve their experiences of the criminal justice system.

Our \$588 million package of responses to the Taskforce reports, is ensuring we can make the systemic changes required to educate and legislate against coercive control and reduce the barriers that women and girls continue to face in accessing support and justice.

This brings our total investment in domestic, family and sexual violence and women in the criminal justice system to more than \$1.5 billion since the reforms outlined in the Not Now, Not Ever Report began in 2015.

Our response is about making sure that Queensland women and girls are able to receive the support they need, when they need it, and are able to navigate the criminal justice system, without unnecessary barriers and further trauma.

While the size and scope of these reforms will require long-term commitment, in the year since we released the government response to the Taskforce's first report, significant progress has been made. This has included important legislative reform, commissions of inquiry, funding innovation and service sector reform to lay the foundations for further implementation, delivered in a staged fashion, as recommended by the Taskforce.

The Queensland Government remains committed to keeping women and families safe from violence, holding perpetrators to account and improving the experiences of women and girls in the criminal justice system.

Annual reports will be tabled in Parliament each year, as one component of the significant governance and oversight established to ensure transparency and accountability of the reform program. The Queensland public can be assured that we are taking this seriously, and we will continue working with the whole community to create meaningful change.

Thank you again to the Honourable Margaret McMurdo AC, and the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce members for their transformational efforts. Thank you to all the brave women and girls who shared their stories with the Taskforce, and to the advocates that champion the rights of women and girls across Queensland every single day.

With the efforts of the community, the government, and all institutions, we can end violence against women and improve the lives of all Queensland women and girls.

Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

Premier of Queensland and
Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Hon Yvette D'Ath MP

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Overview

This first annual report provides an overview of our progress on implementing the reform program set out by the Women’s Safety and Justice Taskforce (the Taskforce).

We established the independent Taskforce chaired by the Honourable Margaret McMurdo AC to inform government on how best to legislate against coercive control and whether a specific offence of “commit domestic violence” was needed, as well as review the experiences of women and girls across the criminal justice system.

The Taskforce delivered a comprehensive 277 recommendations across both reports, setting out an ambitious reform agenda for system transformation, informed by the voices of victim-survivors who shared their lived experiences, and the insights of stakeholders and experts.

The Taskforce’s first report, *Hear her voice – Report One – Addressing coercive control and domestic and family violence in Queensland* (Report One) made 89 recommendations for domestic and family violence service and justice system reform. The Government response to Report One was released on 10 May 2022, with all 89 recommendations supported or supported in principle, supported by a funding commitment of \$363 million.

The Taskforce’s second report, *Hear Her Voice – Report Two – Women and girls’ experiences across the criminal justice system* (Report Two) made 188 recommendations for government to improve women and girls’ experiences of the criminal justice system as victim-survivors of sexual violence and as accused persons and offenders. The Government response to Report Two was released on 21 November 2022; with 103 recommendations supported, 71 recommendations supported in principle and 14 recommendations noted. Implementation is supported by a funding commitment of \$225 million.

To provide independent oversight of this significant reform program, an Independent Implementation Supervisor has been appointed, as recommended by the Taskforce. The Supervisor is also responsible for overseeing implementation of the Government response to *A Call for Change*, which was handed down by the Independent Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service responses to domestic and family violence in November 2022.

Both Taskforce reports can be found at:
www.womenstaskforce.qld.gov.au/publications

The Government responses to both reports can be found at:
www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/queensland-government-response-womens-safety-justice-taskforce-recommendations

A Call for Change and the initial government response can be found at:
www.qpsdfvinquiry.qld.gov.au/about/report.aspx

Report One – Key Achievements

The Queensland Government response focused on nine key themes to be implemented over four years to bring about systemic and cultural change in responding to violence against women and children. The Taskforce recommended a staged approach to implementation and the government is delivering the reforms aligned to this.

Key actions demonstrate considerable progress has been achieved in the first year of implementation. As at May 2023, 24 recommendations have been delivered, with a further 56 commenced, and 9 scheduled to commence at a later phase of implementation or are dependent on another recommendation being delivered first.

Systemic Reform

The Taskforce identified fundamental systemic and structural issues in Queensland's criminal justice system that impact responses to victim-survivors of domestic and family violence.

In 2022–23, we appointed Queensland's inaugural First Nations Justice Officer and established a First Nations Justice Office who are leading development of a whole-of-government and community strategy to address over-representation of First Nations peoples in Queensland's criminal justice system and improve the cultural capability of the justice system (Recommendation 1).

We established a Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service responses to domestic and family violence (Recommendation 2), which made 78 recommendations in its report – *A Call for Change*. All recommendations were supported in principle. The implementation of these recommendations will transform police responses to domestic and family violence in Queensland.

Raising Awareness and Understanding in the Community and Improving Primary Prevention

The Taskforce found that community awareness-raising and primary prevention efforts are necessary to reduce rates of violence and support victim-survivors and the community to take positive action. Our responses will improve community understanding of domestic and family violence and its drivers, and help change harmful attitudes that can lead to violence.

We are developing a communication and engagement strategy for delivery in 2023, to increase community awareness and understanding of coercive control and domestic and family violence (Recommendation 5).

Consultation is also underway to support the development of a Primary Prevention Plan (Recommendation 9).

The Respect program, Respectful relationships education hub, and supporting resources have been made available to all Queensland schools (Recommendation 10). Tailored professional development has been provided to state school staff across Queensland to strengthen delivery of respectful relationships education and all state schools have been provided with Teacher Relief Scheme funding to provide teachers with additional time for curriculum planning and/or professional development (Recommendation 11).

Service System Responses

The Taskforce identified challenges in the support service system to respond in an integrated and coordinated manner. Our progress to date embeds a consistent, system-wide approach to responding to domestic and family violence to better support victim-survivors and keep perpetrators in view.

We have further resourced the existing eight High Risk Teams. We have announced three new locations and commenced preliminary operations of a new High Risk Team in Townsville, with referrals to begin from 1 July 2023 (Recommendation 18).

We have also released the revised domestic and family violence Common Risk and Safety Framework to support a whole of system approach to risk assessment and safety management. This includes training to support implementation (Recommendation 21).

We are developing an evidence-based, trauma informed domestic and family violence training and change management framework (Recommendation 23), to be released in the second half of 2023. This framework will inform training across relevant agencies to ensure consistent responses.

Perpetrator Accountability

The Taskforce recommended enhancements to the availability, accessibility and diversity of programs to support behavioural change of perpetrators of domestic and family violence.

We have developed a Consultation Paper to invite public submissions in mid-2023, to inform the development of a domestic and family violence perpetrator strategy. The strategy will guide work across government to build a stronger system of accountability that holds perpetrators of domestic and family violence to account, and supports sustained behaviour change (Recommendation 25).

We have increased funding to existing Men’s Behaviour Change Programs, in order to meet increased demand (Recommendations 25, 26, and 28).

Police Responses

The Taskforce identified issues with current policing approaches and responses to domestic and family violence, while recognising the promising structural responses implemented to date.

Significant progress has been made in developing a domestic and family violence co-response model, which will enable domestic and family violence and specialist services to respond to callouts with police. Cairns was announced in May 2023 as the first trial location (Recommendation 37).

We have developed additional training courses for Queensland Police Service to address domestic and family violence (Recommendation 32)

In 2022–23, a Special Coordinator for Police Reform was announced, to oversee the response to *A Call for Change* (Recommendation 2). We have also commenced development of a plan to address the culture, values and beliefs of the Queensland Police Service (Recommendation 31). This will also inform several other Taskforce and *A Call for Change* recommendations.

Improving how Legal Practitioners and Judicial Officers Respond

The Taskforce identified a need for enhanced training for lawyers and judicial officers and recommended that professional development in domestic and family violence and trauma-informed practice is ongoing.

We have reviewed and updated the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012* Benchbook to ensure judicial officers have clear direction and guidance around risk factors and current information that responds to inaccurate myths and stereotypes about domestic and family violence (Recommendation 67).

The former Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (former Attorney-General) wrote to relevant bodies including the Chief Justice, Queensland Law Society and the Bar Association of Queensland in support of relevant Taskforce recommendations and will support implementation where appropriate (Recommendations 39 to 47). The implementation of these recommendations seeks to improve legal and judicial responses to domestic and family violence.

Court Responses

The Taskforce identified that growing demand and complexity of cases will continue to impact the effectiveness of court responses to domestic and family violence. Our responses will support courts to appropriately respond to domestic and family violence as demand and complexity of cases grow.

A security risk assessment has been completed with a specific focus on facilities and security measures relating to victims, including victims of domestic and family violence. The assessment is informing the development of a state-wide plan to improve safety for victims of domestic and family violence when attending court (Recommendation 49).

We have commenced implementation for two new specialist domestic and family violence courts, with Cairns and Brisbane due to commence in the second half of 2023 (Recommendation 50). Development of our education and change management strategy for Court Services Queensland and Community Justice Services has also begun (Recommendation 51).

Legislative Reform

The Taskforce identified that Queensland's existing legislative framework was not effectively addressing the patterned nature of coercive control, and was, in some cases, being used by perpetrators to further abuse. In response, we have committed to consult widely regarding legislative reforms, and progress updates to our laws to strengthen Queensland's response to coercive control and prepare for the introduction of a standalone offence of coercive control.

In February 2023, the Domestic and Family Violence Protection (Combating Coercive Control) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 was passed, representing a significant step toward achieving our commitment to legislate against coercive control. It included amendments to:

- modernise and strengthen the offence of unlawful stalking
- amend the definition of 'domestic violence' to recognise a pattern of behaviour
- strengthen the court's ability to hear and decide cross applications
- strengthen the consideration of previous domestic and family violence or criminal history
- bring domestic and family violence complainants and other witnesses' within the protected witness scheme (Recommendations 52–60, 63–66).

We have commenced consultation on proposed legislative amendments including a standalone offence of coercive control, which is expected to be introduced to Parliament later in 2023 (Recommendations 74–79).

Monitoring, Evaluation and Governance

Transparency and accountability are essential for this whole-of-government reform program.

In 2022–2023, we have developed a draft whole-of-government monitoring and evaluation framework to underpin accountability during implementation of reforms. This has been informed by engagement with the sector, with a clear focus on outcomes for victims and their children, perpetrators, as well as service system integration and coordination (Recommendation 85).

Additionally, we are working on improving quality and consistency of data collection processes that will underpin the monitoring and evaluation framework (Recommendation 86). We have also established the Women's Safety and Criminal Justice Steering Committee to provide Directors-General and Ministerial-level governance for the oversight of the Taskforce reforms and *A Call for Change* (Recommendation 87).

A permanent Independent Implementation Supervisor has been appointed to oversee implementation of the reform program (Recommendation 88).

Report Two – Key Achievements

Report Two of the Taskforce shone a light on the experiences of victim-survivors of sexual violence and women and girls in the criminal justice system in Queensland. Steady progress has been made in implementing priority initiatives of the Government response to the Taskforce’s second report to improve support for victim-survivors of sexual violence and women and girls in the criminal justice system. Work is underway, with key achievements to date outlined below. In future years, as progress further develops, the Annual Report will include a comprehensive update for each recommendation.

To date, we have:

- established the Criminal Justice Innovation Office within the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (Recommendation 182), which complements the independent advisory body (the independent Crime Statistics and Research Unit, established in 2017)
- funded the secretariat role within the Queensland Sexual Assault Network (Recommendation 16) for five years, to support the Queensland Sexual Assault Network’s leadership across the sexual violence sector
- introduced the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 on 25 May 2023, including amendments to the *Criminal (Sexual Offences) Act 1978*, to remove the prohibition against identifying accused rapists, and defendants charged with other prescribed sexual offences, before committal (Recommendation 83)
- consulted on potential legislative amendments, including affirmative consent (Recommendation 43), stealthing (Recommendation 44), examples of improper questions (Recommendation 56), jury directions and the establishment of an expert evidence panel for sexual offence proceedings (Recommendations 77 and 80)
- consulted with key stakeholders on the operation of the failure to report belief of child sexual offence in section 229BC of the Criminal Code (Recommendation 7)
- committed to decriminalising the sex work industry and are considering the framework and recommendations of the Queensland Law Reform

Commission’s *A decriminalised sex-work industry for Queensland* Report (Recommendation 102)

- developed a communication plan to promote the Respect program to Queensland state schools (Recommendation 3) and a communication strategy to guide delivery of community education programs (Recommendation 1)
- commenced development of a victim-centric service model similar to the Sexual Assault Response Team to respond to sexual violence (Recommendation 11)
- commenced development of a five-year whole-of-government strategic investment plan for the sexual violence sector (Recommendation 10)
- started work to sustainably expand court advisory services across Queensland to support greater use of pre-sentence advice (Recommendation 130)
- began implementation for a pilot in Brisbane of a women’s case management approach within the Court Link program to address women’s underlying needs while they are on bail (Recommendation 124)
- began review and updates to procedures regarding the review of police and prosecutorial decisions requested by victim-survivors (Recommendation 50)
- began work to establish a legal assistance program in women’s correctional facilities (Recommendation 115) and are working collaboratively to develop tailored resources providing women exiting custody access to blue card information and coordinated application support (Recommendation 173).

A large proportion of the response to Report Two is commencing implementation in 2023–24. We will continue to build on the work achieved to date, and improve support for victim-survivors of sexual violence and women and girls in the criminal justice system in Queensland.

Impacts of our work

While the reform program is still in its foundational phase, the actions taken to date have already started to have tangible impacts.

Enhancing High Risk Teams

The Queensland Government is committed to enhancing integrated service responses to improve the safety of victim-survivors at high risk of harm from domestic and family violence. As part of this commitment, the Queensland Government has increased recurrent funding investment in existing High Risk Teams across the State.

In Mackay over \$250,000 of additional recurrent funding has been allocated to support integrated service responses including uplift funding to the Mackay High Risk Team to better support women and children affected by domestic and family violence. The funding is assisting to deliver coordination and case management functions which improve victim safety. Court Services Queensland and Queensland Corrective Services roles on the High Risk Teams have been uplifted from part-time to full-time roles which will enable improved information sharing about high-risk cases and coordination of risk assessments and safety planning.

A new dedicated Victim Assist Queensland position has also been recruited in Mackay which is further assisting victim-survivors by providing timely and streamlined access to much need victim assist funding that can help to keep them and their children safe from harm.

A new First Nations Cultural Advisor is also being established in Mackay. This person will attend meetings of the High Risk Team and support trauma-informed and culturally safe risk assessment and safety planning for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients who are experiencing high and imminent risk of significant domestic and family violence. The Cultural Advisor will work to ensure that women and children from First Nations families will feel more supported and be able to move to a life free from violence.

Holding Perpetrators to Account

The Queensland Government is committed to enhancing victim-survivor safety by holding perpetrators to account and providing opportunities to change their behaviour. As a first step in the resourcing of a state-wide network of perpetrator intervention programs the Department of Justice and Attorney-General provided an additional \$2.985 million per annum to existing funded perpetrator intervention services. This uplift will improve services' capacity to address ongoing and increased demand for perpetrator intervention services and improve compliance with the Perpetrator Intervention Services Requirements, particularly in relation to ensuring there is an adequately resourced victim advocate.

Micah Projects Limited, Brisbane Domestic Violence Service was one of the funded perpetrator services that received a 30% funding uplift for their perpetrator intervention program. The service is required to complete a minimum of eight group programs per annum based in north, south and south-west Brisbane.

This enhancement allowed Micah to increase current staffing levels within their perpetrator intervention program for a current senior male facilitator to move from casual hours to part-time. This increase enabled a new daytime program based out of the Brisbane Magistrates Court to be offered, with referral pathways from Queensland Courtlink Program and Queensland Police Service.

This opportunity has been extended to allow for persons using violence to engage in individual, face to face sessions prior to program commencement. This ensures there is a thorough group readiness assessment and allows participants to know what to expect during their time in the program.

Case management for participants can be offered to address dynamic risk factors outside of program sessions, which will increase the likelihood of successful program completion and behaviour change, and further improve stakeholder relationships through the integrated service response.

Teaching Respect

In response to the Queensland Government's domestic, family and sexual violence reform priorities, the Queensland Government released the *Respect* program and the [Respectful relationships education hub](#) (the Hub) on 7 October 2022. The *Respect* program is now available to all Queensland schools.

The *Respect* program is a Prep to Year 12 teaching and learning resource. It is aligned to the Australian Curriculum: Health and Physical Education and was developed in response to extensive education, parent/carer, and external stakeholder feedback.

Through a strength-based and age-appropriate approach, children and young people are supported to recognise what constitutes a healthy, respectful and equal relationship. Schools access the program using links on the Hub, which is publicly available.

In January 2023, the Department of Education also launched Professional Development via the Hub for Queensland state school staff to access high-quality on-demand professional development, and to register for online or in-person workshops. In Term 1, 749 school staff registered for 3 live webinars and 10 face-to-face workshops delivered by regional Principal Advisors, Respectful Relationships Education.

The Principal Advisors are working collaboratively with state schools to promote a culture of respect and gender equality through the delivery of respectful relationships education, that uses a whole-school, primary prevention approach so that everyone in our school communities, feel safe, supported, and protected. A key focus for the Principal Advisors is working with school leaders and teachers to examine the *Respect* materials and to increase staff confidence to have conversations about respect in class.

Ferny Grove State School is one school working to build a strong culture of respect by implementing a holistic approach to respectful relationships education. The school promotes respect and inclusiveness by encouraging students to have a strong focus on respect for self, respect for others, and respect for place. Staff recognise the importance of modelling respectful relationships and ensure the school's values are embedded in all classrooms, teaching and learning activities, and interactions. Teachers and school staff embrace the opportunity to convert language and actions into teachable moments, encouraging students to treat each other with respect.

Integrating the Sexual Violence Support System

As part of the Queensland Governments commitment to strengthening responses in the sexual violence service system, Queensland Sexual Assault Network have been funded for five years to undertake secretariat functions across the network of specialist sexual assault services.

Key activities that the secretariat role provides includes peer support, information sharing and debriefing opportunities, establishing and strengthening connections between specialist sexual assault support and prevention services, and promoting service sector integration and collaboration to enhance integrated service responses, providing a collective voice to Government.

These activities have substantial impacts on the service system responses that are available to victim-survivors across Queensland. The sexual violence support system is a specialised and dedicated workforce that provides essential services daily. The improved integration and continued growth are essential to meeting demand and will ensure that Queensland women and girls can access support when they need it.

Victim-Centric Domestic and Family Violence Training

The Queensland Police Service continues to develop and enhance the knowledge and skills of all members to recognise, respond to and investigate domestic and family violence through the development and provision of evidence based and contemporary domestic and family violence training.

This includes a new 3 day face to face training program *DFV: The Holistic Approach*, developed in consultation with ANROWS which is currently being delivered to all police officers up to and including the rank of Superintendent, and civilian members who have contact with domestic and family violence victim-survivors and perpetrators. Over 10,000 QPS members have already completed this training.

DFV: The Holistic Approach builds upon existing coercive control online training and discusses:

- victim-centric trauma informed policing practices
- identifying coercive control
- domestic and family violence risk assessment
- bail considerations, including show-case provisions
- identifying the person most in need of protection, and other domestic and family violence matters.

Cultural enhancement is a stand-alone topic within the training product and is incorporated in all aspects of the training content.

The positive feedback received from participants is indicative of the impact of the training on officers'

knowledge, skills, understanding and culture around their responses to domestic and family violence.

"This course is highly relevant, even for unsworn / civilian members. I have a greater understanding of how to support police officers actioning DV jobs and how investigations are actioned in the QPS."

"Great face to face training which highlights the importance of investigating and understanding how crucial police role is to have a victim centric lens when dealing with DV matters"

"I think this training is brilliant for frontline responders and truly applaud the QPS for being desirous of commencing cultural change and focussing on victim-centric trauma-informed responses and increasing capacity of officers to identify perpetrator pattern of behaviours."

Further training, including a 2 day face to face extension course, which is designed to reinforce learnings in relation to coercive control and the patterned nature of the behaviour. The training also supports members to recognise and implement best practice holistic investigation and response to domestic and family violence that prioritises victim survivor safety, perpetrator accountability and meets community expectations. A 5 day specialist training course, co-designed with external non-government organisations and eminent academics and informed by lived experience, has also been developed.

This training will continue to be rolled out across the state, to support Queensland Police Service members to effectively respond to domestic and family violence in a trauma-informed way.

Status of Report One Implementation – as at May 2023



Recommendation*	Government response	Status
<p>1</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government notes multiple strands of work will deliver on this recommendation and simultaneously deliver on commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap which was signed in July 2020 by the Queensland Government. A whole-of-government strategy and action plan will be developed for culturally safe services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who interact with the criminal justice system. The strategy and action plan will be co-designed to support building capacity of, and partnerships between, government and community-controlled organisations; strengthening Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data sovereignty and access; and include development of a co-designed monitoring and evaluation approach.</p>	<p>Work has commenced with a strong focus on strengthening partnerships with Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Coalition members. This is a critical first step for co-design of the justice strategy.</p> <p>A First Nations Justice Officer has been appointed, and a First Nations Justice Office established, to lead development of the justice strategy.</p> <p>Work is underway to identify opportunities in line with Priority Reform One under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will establish a four-month commission of inquiry into Queensland Police Service responses to domestic and family violence under the <i>Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950</i>. The commission will have the usual extensive investigatory powers under the Act and will be resourced accordingly.</p>	<p>A Commission of Inquiry was established and has concluded, with its report delivered to Government on 14 November 2022. The report was publicly released on 21 November 2022, alongside an initial government response supporting in principle all 78 recommendations and a \$100 million package of investment.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation and will consult further as recommended with the Chief Justice, the Queensland Law Society and the Bar Association of Queensland.</p>	<p>The Queensland Government has consulted with key legal stakeholders, including the Chief Justice, the Queensland Law Society and the Bar Association of Queensland to inform further consideration of an independent Queensland Judicial Commission. Consultation outcomes and the proposed way forward are under consideration.</p>

Status Category:

Not yet commenced In progress Delivered

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4	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government supports a phased approach to the implementation of the Taskforce’s recommendations. The Queensland Government will develop a plan for implementation of the Taskforce’s recommendations for consideration by Directors-General and ministerial oversight mechanisms (Recommendation 87) and in consultation with the implementation supervisor (Recommendation 88).</p>	<p>A whole-of-government Implementation Plan has been developed in consultation with the Independent Implementation Supervisor and has been endorsed by Ministerial and Directors-General level governance. The Plan guides implementation over a four-year period from 2022–23 as committed to in the Government response to Report One.</p>
5	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government is currently delivering the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Engagement and Communication Strategy 2016–2026, with significant progress made towards shifting community attitudes and behaviours relating to domestic and family violence. The Queensland Government will consider how the delivery of this recommendation is in alignment to the broader strategy context, including delivery of existing and current overarching strategies.</p>	<p>Activities to develop the communication strategy are underway, informed by consultation with stakeholders.</p>
6	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will review the Domestic and Family Violence Media Guide, informed by consultation with media outlets and other key stakeholders, to provide expert guidance to encourage trauma-informed journalism practices when reporting on domestic and family violence and coercive control. The Queensland Government will consider how the delivery of this recommendation can be in alignment with the broader strategy context, including delivery of existing and current overarching strategies.</p>	<p>Implementation activities are due to commence in the second half of 2023, following the delivery of the communication strategy (Recommendation 5).</p>
7	<p>Support</p> <p>Following review of the Domestic and Family Violence Media Guide (Recommendation 6), the Queensland Government will advocate nationally through relevant intergovernmental forums and correspondence to federal, state and territory ministers to promote the Guide as an example to be replicated for consistency across jurisdictions in media reporting on domestic and family violence matters.</p>	<p>Implementation activities are due to commence in early 2024, following the delivery of the revised Domestic and Family Violence Media Guide (Recommendation 6).</p>

Status Category:

Not yet commenced In progress Delivered

Recommendation*	Government response	Status
8	<p>Support</p> <p>In implementing Recommendation 5, the Queensland Government will market test and develop tailored, accessible resources, co-designed with representatives of key audience cohorts.</p>	<p>Implementation activities are due to commence in the second half of 2023, following the delivery of the communication strategy (Recommendation 5).</p>
9	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will develop and implement a comprehensive and integrated plan for the primary prevention of violence against women in Queensland that extends and intensifies current efforts to address drivers across the ‘spectrum of prevention’ – at the individual, relationship, community, institutional, and societal levels.</p>	<p>Engagement and consultation activities have commenced to support development of the Primary Prevention Plan.</p>
10	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government will make the strengthened Respectful Relationships Education Program available to all Queensland state and non-state schools, as well as promote resources and training materials to support teachers with implementing the Australian Curriculum through a whole-of-school approach to Respectful Relationships Education. State schools will be encouraged to use the strengthened Respectful Relationships Education program to enhance respectful relationships education delivered through the Australian Curriculum. Queensland Government agencies will work together on the implementation of this recommendation in youth detention centres.</p>	<p>The Respect program, Respectful relationships education hub, and supporting resources were made available to all Queensland schools on 7 October 2022. Communications promoting these resources have been rolled out to state schools and are ongoing. Respectful relationships education will continue to be implemented and strengthened in youth detention centres.</p>

Status Category:

Not yet commenced In progress Delivered

Recommendation*	Government response	Status
<p>11 To support the effective state-wide rollout of respectful relationships education, the Queensland Government and private providers ensure educators from early childhood education through to year 12 receive ongoing professional development that allows them to deliver respectful relationships education as part of a whole-of-school approach.</p>	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government will provide resources and training materials to Queensland state and non-state schools to support teachers with implementing the Australian Curriculum through a whole-school approach to respectful relationships education. This will include the continuation of eight positions that work within regions and state schools to provide respectful relationships education professional development and support, and the provision of a pro-rata allocation of Teacher Relief Scheme days to state schools to allow teachers to attend professional development and undertake curriculum planning relating to respectful relationships education. For early childhood, the Queensland Government will develop resources to support the sector to continue to embed a high-quality focus on respectful relationships within services curriculum, pedagogy and practice.</p>	<p>Eight officers are now working with state schools across Queensland to provide tailored respectful relationships education professional development. In April 2023, all state schools were provided with Teacher Relief Scheme funding which provides teachers with additional time for curriculum planning and/or professional development. Further Teacher Relief Scheme funding will be provided to state schools in 2024 and 2025.</p>
<p>12 The Queensland Government expand the availability of respectful relationships programs for young people who are not engaged in formal education. Appropriately modified respectful relationships education will be developed and implemented in services and organisations that support vulnerable young people in locations and modes that are accessible and engaging for this cohort.</p>	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government will consider the most appropriate mechanisms to ensure young people who are not engaged in formal education have access to respectful relationships-informed information. A collaborative approach will be taken by Queensland Government agencies to consider the content of the Respectful Relationships Education Program to support the provision of relevant information to as many young people who are not engaged in formal education, as possible.</p>	<p>A training organisation is developing training materials for youth workers in a variety of settings, including youth support services and youth homelessness services. A delivery strategy, currently being developed, will assist government agencies to determine the most appropriate elements of the program to be adapted to their training packages.</p>
<p>13 The Queensland Government develop a five-year whole-of-government domestic and family violence service system strategic investment plan encompassing services and supports delivered and funded by Queensland Government agencies. The purpose of the investment plan is to provide a strategic and planned approach to better respond to existing and future demand in the system, support the introduction of new laws and reforms, and ensure there is a comprehensive framework of supports covering primary prevention, early intervention and tailored and intensive responses.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will replicate the Domestic and Family Violence Services Audit undertaken in 2016 and expand to include data now available and generalist services including police, court, and health services. This will inform the development of a whole-of-government domestic and family violence service system strategic investment plan encompassing services and supports delivered and funded by Queensland Government agencies.</p>	<p>The new five-year strategic investment plan is under development, informed by a statewide domestic, family and sexual violence sector investment review.</p>

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14	The Queensland Government, in developing the strategic investment plan, prioritise establishing and adequately funding, a state-wide network of intervention programs for perpetrators (recommendation 25).	Support The whole-of-government domestic and family violence service system strategic investment plan, developed in response to Recommendation 13, will prioritise establishing and adequately funding, a statewide network of intervention programs for perpetrators (Recommendation 25).	As per Recommendation 13.
15	After five years, the Queensland Government review the strategic investment plan taking into consideration the benefits that have been realised and outcomes achieved, and service gaps at that time. The review will inform the development of a further five-year plan.	Support Following the fulfilment of Recommendation 13, the Queensland Government will undertake a review of the strategic investment plan as soon as practicable five years after the launch of the strategic investment plan.	Implementation activities are due to commence as soon as practicable five years after Recommendation 13 has been implemented.
16	The Department of Justice and Attorney-General, in partnership with the recommended integrated peak body (recommendation 17) and in consultation with legal, domestic and family violence and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and people with lived experience, support all parts of the system to better respond to the multiple and complex needs of people who experience domestic and family violence as a victim or a perpetrator.	Support The Queensland Government will work in partnership with the peak body, when established (Recommendation 17) and in consultation with key stakeholders, including people with lived experience, to develop a whole-of-government framework to strengthen and integrate service responses for victims and perpetrators of domestic and family violence in Queensland.	Work has commenced on development of the framework, which will complement the Common Risk and Safety Framework (recommendation 21) and be focused on people with complex needs. The framework will be delivered in partnership with key stakeholders and be consulted on by the domestic and family violence peak body, once established (Recommendation 17).
17	The Queensland Government establish and adequately resource an independent and integrated peak industry body for all specialist domestic and family violence services including shelters and perpetrator intervention services. This body will complement and support the role of existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies.	Support The Queensland Government will establish and resource a domestic and family violence peak body for all specialist domestic and family violence services including shelters and perpetrator intervention services. It is intended that the peak body will support the integration of and access to trauma-informed, culturally appropriate services, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services that focus on culture as a preventative and healing factor.	A proposed operating model for an integrated domestic and family violence peak body is being developed, informed by the results of consultation with existing sector networks. Subject to the outcome of procurement activities, the new peak body is expected to be established in 2023.
18	The Queensland Government continue to roll out integrated service system responses and High-Risk Teams in additional locations. Further rollout of these responses will build upon the lessons learned to date and will be informed by the outcome of the evaluation undertaken in 2019 and any developing evidence base.	Support The Queensland Government will undertake detailed analysis of the High-Risk Team (HRT) model and funding structure to ensure HRTs are adequately resourced, interconnected and appropriately equipped to meet existing and emerging needs in the community. As part of this analysis, consideration will be given to regions where there is unmet demand to inform decision-making for the locations of additional Integrated Service Responses and HRTs across Queensland.	Resourcing for existing High Risk Teams has been increased. This included almost \$1 million in additional funding to lead Non-Government Organisations in existing High Risk Team locations. Three new high risk teams have been announced and preliminary operations in Townsville have commenced. Work is underway to engage a lead Non-Government Organisation for the Townsville High Risk Team. Statewide guidelines for all High Risk Teams have been finalised.

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19	The Department of Health and each Hospital and Health Service ensure that health, drug and alcohol and mental health services each play an active role in integrated service system responses and High-Risk Teams. Drug and alcohol and mental health services will better recognise and respond to domestic and family violence as a pattern of behaviour over time in the context of a relationship as a whole.	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government agrees that health, drug and alcohol and mental health services can actively contribute to integrated service system responses and High Risk Teams. The Queensland Government will collaborate with alcohol and other drug, mental health and domestic and family violence networks to improve service responses to support the safety and wellbeing of victims and their children, including building the capability of services across Queensland Health and the non-government sector.</p>	Work has commenced, in collaboration with key health stakeholders, to strengthen and promote screening and assessment tools, including pre-existing risk screening and assessment training packages and resources. Opportunities are also being explored to enhance integration of mental health alcohol and other drug services in integrated service system responses and High Risk Teams.
20	The Department of Justice and Attorney-General review the Domestic and Family Violence Information Sharing Guidelines to ensure they provide a plain English and easy to use guide for agencies involved in integrated service system responses and High Risk Teams and support integrated approaches between agencies and services across the state.	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will review the Domestic and Family Violence Information Sharing Guidelines to ensure they are accessible by all relevant agencies. The review will identify key issues, ensure the Guidelines are written in plain English and include additional case studies and scenarios. A communication strategy to increase use and promote consistent application of the Guidelines will also be developed.</p>	Extensive consultation has been undertaken across the domestic and family violence support sector regarding the information sharing provisions. Further consideration of updates to the Guidelines is underway. In preparation for this, a communications and media strategy for publication of the revised Guidelines has been developed.
21	The Department of Justice and Attorney-General strengthen the whole-of-system approach to risk assessment and safety planning by developing a whole-of system risk assessment framework and requiring use of risk assessment processes across all parts of the domestic and family violence service system and justice system that are consistent and aligned with this framework.	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will continue to promote the use of the Common Risk and Safety Framework or aligned risk assessment tools to improve Queensland’s approach to recognising, assessing and responding to domestic and family violence and coercive control. A cross-government approach is being adopted to implementing the revised Common Risk and Safety Framework across all elements of the integrated service system. In implementing this recommendation, consideration will be given to aligning with Recommendation 3 of the Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board 2020–21 Annual Report.</p>	The revised Common Risk and Safety Framework was launched in July 2022. A training strategy has been developed and implementation is underway, including an introductory webinar series with over 1000 registrations. Further training sessions are being held across the state to promote the use of the framework. Work continues on a series of training resources, including videos and online, interactive self-paced modules. Specialist trainers from the domestic, family and sexual violence sector have been engaged to assist with training, including developing a train-the-trainer package to ensure an ongoing, sustainable approach. Updates to the High Risk Team information sharing platform are also underway to incorporate and embed the revised tools.

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22	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will continue to implement and embed the Strengthening Families Protecting Children Framework for Practice (Framework for Practice) and the Safe and Together program across the state. This will include providing staff with ongoing training and tools to support a victim of domestic and family violence to care protectively for their children, and to hold perpetrators accountable. The Queensland Government will also continue to review both the Framework for Practice and Safe and Together program and implement changes as needed to ensure continuous improvement on matters such as the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and perspectives in the program.</p>	<p>The Safe and Together model and the Strengthening Families Protecting Children Framework for Practice continues to be reviewed, implemented and embedded across the state. A comprehensive training and implementation plan is under development to ensure Child Safety staff are provided with ongoing training and tools to provide domestic and family violence-informed child protection practice. A current focus for Safe and Together program delivery is to ensure the voices of First Nations peoples are meaningfully represented in the content and model. Additional Child Safety Staff have been supported to attend the Safe and Together ‘Train the Trainer’ program in 2022–23, to enhance capacity to deliver and embed the program.</p>
23	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will develop a consistent evidence-based and trauma-informed framework in accordance with current Queensland practice.</p>	<p>Work has commenced to develop an evidence-based, trauma informed domestic and family violence training and change management framework. This includes development of a monitoring and evaluation plan to measure effectiveness of the Framework. Consultation with diverse stakeholders is underway.</p>
24	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government will explore options to best implement and embed training and education for all frontline and other relevant staff across government, as well as funded non-government agency staff effectively and efficiently. Consideration will be given to economies of scale and the need to tailor to specific sectors and professions, with options to be considered by the Directors-General and ministerial oversight mechanisms (Recommendation 87).</p>	<p>Implementation activities are due to commence in late 2023 following the development of Recommendation 23.</p>

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25	<p>The Queensland Government design, establish and adequately resource a state-wide network of perpetrator intervention programs. The network of programs will recognise that intervening to change perpetrator behaviour is essential to keeping victims safe from violence. The state-wide network of programs will incorporate a public health approach and include victim-advocacy and support, to respond to people using violence and coercive control.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government has committed to developing a standalone, system-wide strategy for responding to all perpetrators of domestic and family violence in response to Recommendation 9 of the Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board 2019–20 Annual Report. This Queensland Government supports this recommendation, with the system-wide strategy to inform design and establishment of a state-wide network of perpetrator intervention programs. The Queensland Government will explore options to increase investment in existing Queensland Government perpetrator interventions to address demand. This will include continuing and expanding trials of online perpetrator interventions, programs addressing domestic and family violence perpetrated by young men against a parent</p>	<p>A whole-of-government domestic and family violence perpetrator strategy is in development to strengthen responses to people who use domestic and family violence. A consultation paper will be distributed publicly to inform the development of the strategy. Initiatives to respond to increased demand for services include a 30 percent increase in funding to existing men’s behaviour change programs and negotiations to support victim advocate roles in in-custody behaviour change programs.</p>
26	<p>The Queensland Government ensure that the state-wide network of programs for perpetrators (recommendation 25) incorporates making available a diversity of perpetrator interventions across a continuum of risk and need.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will address this Recommendation as part of the implementation of Recommendation 25. The state-wide network of perpetrator intervention programs established in response to Recommendation 25 will incorporate making available a diversity of perpetrator interventions across a continuum of risk and need.</p>	<p>As per Recommendation 25.</p>
27	<p>The Queensland Government ensure that the state-wide network of programs for perpetrators (recommendation 25) incorporates programs specifically tailored to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that embed a healing approach and are connected to culture, community and country.</p>	<p>Support Informed by the implementation of Recommendation 25 and the development of the system-wide perpetrator strategy, the Queensland Government will adopt a co-design approach to developing and trialing perpetrator programs specifically tailored to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, with programs developed in collaboration with community action plans. This approach is supported by the core principles of Queensland’s Framework for Action – Reshaping our approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander domestic and family violence.</p>	<p>The community-led project to design and pilot perpetrator programs specifically tailored to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is underway. Engagement with communities will commence shortly. Increased funding has also been committed to support existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men’s Support Services, expected to be rolled out in the second half of 2023.</p>

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28	<p>The Queensland Government ensure that the state-wide network of perpetrator intervention programs (recommendation 25) includes an intersectional approach to meet the needs of people with disability, young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people who identify as LGBTIQ+ in urban, rural, regional and remote locations.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will ensure the state-wide network of perpetrator intervention programs established in response to Recommendation 25 will include an intersectional approach.</p>
29	<p>The Department of Justice and Attorney-General ensure that services case-managing perpetrators or delivering perpetrator programs undertake a comprehensive assessment of risk (recommendation 21) throughout the engagement with a perpetrator.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will develop a perpetrator-centric risk assessment approach and tool for incorporation into the Domestic and family violence services practice principles, standards and guidance as appropriate.</p>
30	<p>The Queensland Government work in partnership with the recommended integrated peak body for domestic and family violence services (recommendation 17) and service providers to develop and implement strategies to assist them to attract, recruit and retain a skilled workforce to deliver domestic and family violence perpetrator programs across Queensland with a particular focus on rural, regional and remote locations.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will continue to support WorkUp to further develop and implement a Workforce Capability Strategy to attract, recruit and retain a skilled workforce to deliver domestic and family violence services. The scope of the strategy will include all services delivering domestic and family violence services, not just those delivering perpetrator intervention programs, with activities related to perpetrator interventions being prioritised.</p>
31	<p>The Queensland Government develop and implement a transformational plan to address widespread culture, values, and beliefs within the Queensland Police Service to enable the Queensland Police Service to achieve better outcomes for victims of domestic and family violence (including coercive control) and better hold perpetrators to account.</p>	<p>Support in principle Implementation of this recommendation will be considered after finalisation of Recommendation 2 and the commission of inquiry so that findings can be appropriately incorporated.</p>
32	<p>The Queensland Police Service further build specialist expertise across the Queensland Police Service to ensure it has state-wide capacity and capability to provide high-quality responses to domestic and family violence.</p>	<p>Support Implementation of this recommendation will be considered after finalisation of Recommendation 2 and the commission of inquiry so that findings can be appropriately incorporated.</p>

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33	<p>Support Implementation of this recommendation will be considered after finalisation of Recommendation 2 and the commission of inquiry so that findings can be appropriately incorporated.</p>	<p>This recommendation was referenced in <i>A Call for Change</i>, and is being addressed concurrently with the relevant recommendations from <i>A Call for Change</i>.</p> <p>A review of all policies and procedures has commenced, including a complete review and update of the <i>QPS Operational Procedures Manual Chapter 9 – Domestic Violence</i>.</p>
34	<p>Support Implementation of this recommendation will be considered after finalisation of Recommendation 2 and the commission of inquiry so that findings can be appropriately incorporated.</p>	<p>This recommendation was referenced in <i>A Call for Change</i>, and is being addressed concurrently with the relevant recommendations from <i>A Call for Change</i>.</p> <p>Work has commenced to develop training that will align with the whole-of-system training and education framework (Recommendation 23).</p>
35	<p>Support Implementation of this recommendation will be considered after finalisation of Recommendation 2 and the commission of inquiry so that findings can be appropriately incorporated.</p>	<p>This recommendation was referenced in <i>A Call for Change</i>, and is being addressed concurrently with the relevant recommendations from <i>A Call for Change</i>.</p> <p>External evaluators have been engaged to independently review Queensland Police Service risk assessment procedures. Alignment with the revised Common Risk and Safety Framework (Recommendation 21) is being considered in this review.</p>
36	<p>Support Implementation of this recommendation will be considered after finalisation of Recommendation 2 and the commission of inquiry so that findings can be appropriately incorporated.</p>	<p>This recommendation was referenced in <i>A Call for Change</i>, and is being addressed concurrently with the relevant recommendations from <i>A Call for Change</i>.</p> <p>Initial consultation activities and identification of required products and deliverables has commenced.</p>

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<p>37</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will develop, trial and evaluate a co-responder model involving a mobile co-response to police call outs between Queensland Police Service and government funded specialist domestic and family violence services, in a number of locations.</p>	<p>The Department of Justice and Attorney-General and the Queensland Police Service have been working in partnership with stakeholders to develop a comprehensive, evidence-based and practice informed co-response model.</p> <p>The co-response model will involve a mobile co-response to police call outs between Queensland Police Service and government funded specialist domestic and family violence services and will be trialled and evaluated in multiple locations. Cairns has been announced as the first trial location. Informed by the outcomes of an evaluation, successful elements of the co-response model will inform any future rollout and service system design across the state.</p>
<p>38</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government in implementing this Recommendation, notes that under the existing framework for legal education, admission and practice for lawyers in Queensland, any review or changes to the content and scope of the Prescribed Areas of Academic Knowledge are matters for consideration and consultation by the Legal Admissions Consultative Committee.</p>	<p>This recommendation was expanded by Recommendation 66 of Report Two (to take into account sexual violence).</p> <p>The Department of Justice and Attorney-General is developing and considering options to progress the implementation of this recommendation.</p>
<p>39</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will assist the Bar Association of Queensland and the Queensland Law Society to implement this recommendation by providing information and access to resources on domestic and family violence-related impacts, legal frameworks and client services/supports.</p>	<p>This recommendation was expanded by Recommendations 66 and 118 of Report Two (to take into account sexual violence and women and girls as accused persons and offenders).</p> <p>The former Attorney-General wrote to the Bar Association of Queensland, and the Queensland Law Society in support of this recommendation.</p>

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40	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government in implementing this Recommendation, notes that under the existing legislative framework administration rules for continuing professional development for practising certificate holders is the responsibility of the Queensland Law Society and the Bar Association of Queensland, and mandatory training requirements for Government lawyers not holding practising certificates, is a matter for the Government.</p>	As per Recommendation 39.
41	<p>Support</p> <p>Work is already underway to ensure legal staff participate in regular domestic and family violence training. In implementing this Recommendation, the Queensland Government will also consider longer term solutions to ensure legal staff undertake regular tailored domestic and family violence training to support knowledge and understanding of domestic and family violence and its impact on relevant law.</p>	<p>Work has commenced to explore the creation of a Domestic and Family Violence and Trauma Informed Practice Competency Model, in collaboration with representatives from Queensland Law Society, the Bar Association of Queensland, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, Women’s Legal Service, and Office of the Child and Family Official Solicitor. Work has commenced to develop a draft training syllabus under the proposed model.</p> <p>The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has commenced planning for a training program for their prosecution services, with key implementation activities to commence shortly. Domestic and family violence training content for police prosecutors has also been developed.</p>
42	<p>Support</p> <p>The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence will write to the President of the Queensland Law Society in support of this recommendation.</p>	<p>This recommendation was expanded by Recommendations 66 and 118 of Report Two (to take into account sexual violence and women and girls as accused persons and offenders).</p> <p>The former Attorney-General wrote to the Bar Association of Queensland, and the Queensland Law Society in support of this recommendation.</p>
43	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>Legal Aid Queensland will ensure that regular and ongoing training on the nature and impact of domestic and family violence is provided to in-house staff and lawyers for criminal, family law and civil law on preferred supplier lists. Legal Aid Queensland will commit to explore options to make the training a requirement for lawyers on its preferred supplier lists.</p>	Implementation activities due to commence the second half of 2023, following the delivery of key milestones under Recommendation 23.

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44	<p>Support The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence will write to the President of the Queensland Law Society and the President of the Bar Association of Queensland in support of this recommendation.</p>	<p>This recommendation was expanded by Recommendations 66 and 118 of Report Two (to take into account sexual violence and women and girls as accused persons and offenders).</p> <p>The former Attorney-General wrote to the Bar Association of Queensland and the Queensland Law Society in support of this recommendation.</p>
45	<p>Support The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence will write to the President of the Queensland Law Society and President of the Bar Association of Queensland in support of this recommendation.</p>	As per Recommendation 44.
46	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation. Legal Aid Queensland will work with the Queensland Law Society to ensure the Domestic and Family Violence Best Practice Framework is updated in line with the changes resulting from the Taskforce report. To encourage its use, Legal Aid Queensland will also regularly promote the framework use across the legal sector in Queensland through existing communication channels. The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence will write to the President of the Queensland Law Society in support of this recommendation.</p>	Legal Aid Queensland is working in partnership with the Queensland Law Society and other legal services to explore the creation of a Domestic and Family Violence and Trauma Informed Practice Competency Model and a training model to complement the Best Practice Framework. The former Attorney-General wrote to the Queensland Law Society in support of this recommendation.
47	<p>Support in principle The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence will write to the President of the Queensland Law Society and the President of the Bar Association of Queensland in support of this recommendation.</p>	<p>This recommendation was expanded by Recommendations 66 and 118 of Report Two (to take into account sexual violence and women and girls as accused persons and offenders).</p> <p>The former Attorney-General wrote to the Bar Association of Queensland and the Queensland Law Society in support of this recommendation.</p>

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48	<p>The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence progress amendments to the <i>Magistrates Court Act 1921</i>, <i>District Court of Queensland Act 1967</i>, and <i>Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991</i> to require the annual report of each court to record information about judicial officers completing the minimum five days of training recommended by the National Judicial College of Australia and all other judicial education or professional development undertaken during the reporting period that was publicly funded.</p>	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation, and will consult with the Chief Magistrate, Chief Judge and Chief Justice to seek publication of relevant judicial training information in annual reports. Further consideration regarding additional publication of all other judicial training and professional development will be undertaken following consultation on a proposed Queensland Judicial Commission (Recommendation 3), including any appropriate legislative amendments.</p>	<p>The Queensland Government will consult with the Chief Magistrate, Chief Judge and Chief Justice on this recommendation once it has considered the consultation outcomes regarding a judicial commission (Recommendation 3).</p>
49	<p>The Department of Justice and Attorney-General develop and implement a state-wide plan to improve safety for victims of domestic and family violence including coercive control when attending courts. The plan should be developed in consultation with the relevant head of each jurisdiction, domestic and family violence, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and legal stakeholders, and people with lived experience.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will complete an audit of victim safety across Queensland Courts, with the outcomes of the audit to inform implementation of a state-wide court domestic and family violence safety plan.</p>	<p>A security risk assessment has been completed across Queensland Courts which assessed existing security measures, infrastructure and resources, local factors and demand, and considered how to mitigate security risks including additional security and safety upgrades. The outcomes will inform implementation of a statewide domestic and family violence safety plan which is currently under development. Improvements across eight courthouses are currently progressing, including new domestic and family violence courtrooms, new secure safe rooms with direct access to courtrooms and support services, registry refurbishments to accommodate new resources, vulnerable witness recording rooms and other associated spaces.</p>
50	<p>The Department of Justice and Attorney-General continue to roll out specialist domestic and family violence courts informed by the outcomes of the evaluation of the Southport Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Court model.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will continue the expansion of the specialist domestic and family violence court program informed by the findings of the Taskforce as well as the final Southport Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Court Process and Outcomes Evaluation 2017–2021.</p>	<p>Implementation activities to commence two new specialist domestic and family violence courts in Brisbane and Cairns in 2023–24 are underway, with relevant stakeholders working in partnership, and recruitment of additional staff to support the new and existing specialist domestic and family violence court locations.</p>
51	<p>The Department of Justice and Attorney-General develop and implement ongoing training for court staff about the nature and impacts of domestic and family violence, including coercive control, as well as relevant law and procedure. This training will consistently align with the whole-of-system training and education framework developed by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (recommendation 23).</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will develop a trauma-informed and intersectional strategy for Court Services Queensland and Community Justice Services. Relevant policies, procedures and training modules will be updated to reflect the strategy and align with Recommendation 23.</p>	<p>Consultation is underway on development of a trauma-informed and intersectional strategy for Court Services Queensland and Community Justice Services to identify training needs and inform the development of future and ongoing training for staff.</p>

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<p>52</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will progress amendments to Chapter 33A of the Criminal Code to strengthen and modernise the offence of unlawful stalking including by introducing a new circumstance of aggravation.</p>	<p>On 14 October 2022 the former Attorney-General introduced the Domestic and Family Violence Protection (Combating Coercive Control) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 into the Queensland Parliament. The Bill was passed on 22 February 2023 and amendments are due to commence once supporting implementation activities have been undertaken.</p> <p>The amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modernise and strengthen the offence of unlawful stalking in the Criminal Code to better capture the broad range of tactics used by perpetrators • broaden the definition of domestic and family violence to recognise behaviour that occurs over time and should be considered in the context of the relationship as a whole • strengthen the court’s ability to hear and decide cross applications for protection orders to ensure the protection of the person most at risk • broaden the court’s ability to award costs where a party has intentionally used proceedings as a means of committing or continuing domestic violence • strengthen the consideration of previous domestic violence or criminal history • bring domestic violence complainants and other witnesses within the protected witness scheme and • allow for the giving of jury directions and the use of expert evidence on domestic violence.
<p>53</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will progress amendments to the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> to include a reference to a ‘pattern of behaviour’ in the definition of domestic violence and to make it clear that behaviour should be considered in the context of the relationship as a whole. The non-exhaustive list of domestic violence behaviours will also be expanded to include individual acts when considered cumulatively that are coercive, threatening or controlling.</p>	<p>As per Recommendation 52.</p>

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54	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation and will progress amendments to clarify that an alleged perpetrator, without legal representation, will not be permitted to cross-examine in person a victim of domestic violence in criminal proceedings under the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> (as well as civil proceedings). Consultation with stakeholders and further consideration is required on how to best give effect to this recommendation.</p>	As per Recommendation 52.
55	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation and will progress amendments to the <i>Evidence Act 1977</i> to expand the operation of the existing prohibition on cross-examination in person and related procedures to domestic and family violence related offences.</p>	As per Recommendation 52.
56	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will progress amendments to the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> to ensure applications and cross applications for a domestic violence order are considered together; and that courts should only make one domestic violence order which favours the person most in need of protection in the relationship, unless exceptional circumstances apply.</p>	As per Recommendation 52.
57	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will progress amendments to the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> to specify that the court has the power to award costs in cases where a party has intentionally used proceedings as a means of committing or continuing domestic and family violence including coercive control, the court has the power to award costs against them.</p>	As per Recommendation 52.

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58	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation, noting further consideration and consultation is required on how to best give effect to the recommendation's intent. Following this further consideration and consultation, relevant amendments to the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> will be progressed.</p>	As per Recommendation 52.
59	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government supports the intent of this amendment. It is intended to implement the recommendation's intent by progressing amendments to the prosecution's disclosure obligations in the Criminal Code, to include a domestic violence history where the person is charged with a domestic violence related offence and an amendment to section 11 of the <i>Penalties and Sentences Act 1992</i> to make it explicit that a domestic violence history can be considered by the court when determining an offender's character.</p>	As per Recommendation 52.
60	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation and will progress amendments to the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> to allow for substituted service in limited circumstances, noting as a general rule, all documents should continue to be personally served by police where possible. Before any legislative amendments are progressed to allow documents to be personally served by a police liaison officer, further consideration and consultation with stakeholders (particularly First Nations peoples) is required to understand the potential impacts and how to best give effect to this recommendation.</p>	The Domestic and Family Violence Protection (Combating Coercive Control) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022, introduced into Parliament on 14 October 2022 and passed on 22 February 2023, includes amendments to allow for substituted service in limited circumstances. Consultation has commenced in relation to the use of police liaison officers to conduct service of documents. Amendments are due to commence once supporting implementation activities have been undertaken.

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61	To implement the legislative amendments in relation to service by police liaison officers (recommendation 60), the Queensland Police Service provide training and ongoing support to Police Liaison Officers to assist them to take on this role while maintaining their close functional relationships within their community.	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation and will undertake further consultation before progressing any legislative amendment to allow Police Liaison Officers to serve domestic and family violence documents. As with Recommendation 60, implementation of Recommendation 61 will be guided by the results of this consultation. It is important Police Liaison Officers feel safe, supported and equipped to perform their roles.</p>	Implementation activities are due to commence in the second half of 2023 following delivery of Recommendation 60.
62	The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence immediately progress amendments to the <i>Security Providers Act 1993</i> and the <i>Security Providers Regulation 2008</i> to introduce a new statutory code of conduct for private investigators.	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Government supports the view that private investigators have a responsibility to ensure their activities and services do not contribute to (or exacerbate) domestic and family violence, including coercive control. The Queensland Government will actively work with the private security industry, domestic and family violence stakeholders, and people with lived experience, to develop and publish essential and practical guidance and information. This guidance and information will assist private investigators adopt best practice industry standards when undertaking investigations that could potentially involve people at risk of perpetrating or experiencing domestic and family violence. This approach is intended to empower the private security industry to take ownership and responsibility for the role it can play in protecting victims of domestic and family violence, including coercive control.</p>	Consultation with the private security industry on the development of practical guidance and information is underway, in addition to consideration of the best method for communicating the guidance with private investigators.
63	The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence immediately progress amendments to section 132B of the <i>Evidence Act 1977</i> to remove the restriction of the application of the section to offences only in Chapters 28 to 30.	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will progress amendments to section 132B of the <i>Evidence Act 1977</i> to broaden its application to all offences.</p>	As per Recommendation 52.

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<p>64 The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence immediately progress amendments to the <i>Evidence Act 1977</i> modelled on section 39 of the <i>Evidence Act 1906</i> (WA) to allow relevant expert evidence to be admitted in criminal proceedings about the nature and effects of domestic and family violence including coercive control in particular circumstances (refer to wording in full recommendation).</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will progress amendments to the <i>Evidence Act 1977</i> allowing for relevant expert evidence of domestic and family violence in criminal proceedings.</p>	<p>As per Recommendation 52.</p>
<p>65 The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence immediately progress amendments to the <i>Evidence Act 1977</i> modelled on sections 38, 39C-39F of the <i>Evidence Act 1906</i> (WA) to provide for jury directions to be made in proceedings for domestic violence related offences and where domestic violence has been raised in evidence during a trial to address stereotypes and misconceptions about family violence.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will progress amendments to the <i>Evidence Act 1977</i> to set out a framework for requests for directions on domestic and family violence.</p>	<p>As per Recommendation 52.</p>
<p>66 The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence immediately progress amendments to the <i>Penalties and Sentences Act 1992</i> to require a court, when sentencing an offender to consider whether the impact of being a victim of domestic and family violence, including coercive control, on their offending behaviour is a mitigating factor.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will progress amendments to the <i>Penalties and Sentences Act 1992</i> to provide for an explicit mitigating factor where an offender's criminal behaviour is attributable, wholly or in part, to the defendant being a victim of domestic and family violence.</p>	<p>As per Recommendation 52.</p>
<p>67 The Magistrates Court of Queensland consider reviewing and updating the <i>Domestic Violence and Family Protection Act 2012</i> Benchbook.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government is supportive of ensuring judicial officers have clear direction and guidance about risk factors and current information that counters myths about domestic and family violence. The Queensland Government will consult with the Chief Magistrate to explore options to review and update the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> Benchbook.</p>	<p>The <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> Benchbook has been reviewed and updated to include clear direction and guidance about risk factors and current information that counters myths about domestic and family violence in consultation with the Chief Magistrate.</p>

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68	The District and Supreme Courts of Queensland should consider preparing and keeping updated a domestic and family violence benchbook, relevant to the work of each court.	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will consult with the Chief Justice and Chief Judge to explore options to continually review and revise domestic and family violence content in benchbooks within each Queensland court.</p>	The Chief Justice and the Chief Judge have been consulted about the options for revising domestic and family violence content in benchbooks. A Steering Committee of Supreme and District Court Judges is supporting development and delivery.
69	The Director of Public Prosecutions review and finalise the draft domestic and family violence guidelines to ensure they recognise and respond to all forms of domestic and family violence as a pattern of behaviour over time and within the context of a relationship as a whole and align with the legislative reforms progressed as a result of this report.	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will review and finalise the draft Domestic and Family Violence Guidelines and also develop a training program that is aligned with the existing Understanding Sexual Offences Training. This further training will be developed in consultation with major stakeholders with expertise in domestic and family violence. The aim of the training will be to develop the professional capability of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions staff to better understand all forms of domestic and family violence as a pattern of behaviour over time and within the context of a relationship, to ensure better prosecution outcomes for victims of this type of offending.</p>	The draft domestic and family violence guidelines have been reviewed, and updated to reflect current legislation. The Director's guidelines have also been reviewed and enhanced to ensure Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions staff recognise and respond to all forms of domestic and family violence.
70	The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence advocate nationally through the Meeting of Attorneys-General, for national reform to the family law system.	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government through the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence will raise the need for reform to the family law system at a national level.</p>	The former Attorney-General advocated the need for reform to the family law system at a national level through multiple channels. This includes through the Standing Council of Attorneys-General (and the former Meeting of Attorneys-General), and a letter to the Honourable Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Federal Attorney-General. The Queensland Government continues to work with the Federal Government and states and territories to better protect victims of domestic and family violence.
71	The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence refer for independent review the defences and excuses in the Criminal Code, including their operation in relation to homicide.	<p>Support in principle</p> <p>The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation for independent review of the defences and excuses in the Criminal Code. The timing of the review and whether it is to be conducted by the Queensland Law Reform Commission or other independent expert/s is under consideration.</p>	Draft Terms of Reference have been developed and are in the process of being finalised.

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72	The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence invite the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee to consider reviewing and investigating, the operation of the <i>Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003</i> . The review and investigation could examine the effectiveness of the operation of the current scheme and whether it should be expanded to dangerous violent offenders.	Support The Queensland Government will invite the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee to consider reviewing and investigating the operation of the <i>Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003</i> .	Terms of reference for review are currently under development.
73	The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence ask the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council to give advice on the impact of the operation of the aggravating factor in section 9(10A) of the <i>Penalties and Sentences Act 1992</i> on sentencing outcomes for domestic violence related offences beyond outcomes for cases involving charges of assault and assault occasioning bodily harm.	Support The Queensland Government will seek the advice of the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council on the impact of the operation of the aggravating factor in section 9(10A) of the <i>Penalties and Sentences Act 1992</i> on sentencing outcomes for all domestic violence related offences including for charges involving non-physical violence and coercive control. The Terms of Reference will be settled in consultation with the Council.	Referral was made to the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council on 17 May 2023. The Terms of reference for the review are available on the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council website.
74	The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence progress an amendment to the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> to create a new court based domestic violence perpetrator diversion scheme.	Support The Queensland Government will establish a new court-based domestic violence perpetrator diversion scheme.	Work is now underway to implement key recommendations in the second tranche of legislative reforms recommended by the Taskforce to address coercive control in Queensland. This stage of legislative reform is proposed to include amendments to the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> , the Criminal Code and the <i>Penalties and Sentence Act 1992</i> . These amendments are expected to be introduced in the second half of 2023.
75	The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence progress amendments to the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012</i> to introduce a new facilitation offence to stop a person facilitating domestic abuse on behalf of a perpetrator against a person named as an aggrieved in a Domestic Violence Order, with a circumstance of aggravation if it is for reward.	Support The Queensland Government will progress amendments to criminalise facilitation of domestic and family violence with a circumstance of aggravation where it is for a reward.	As per Recommendation 74.

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76	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will progress amendments to require a court making a Domestic Violence Order to impose an additional standard condition that the perpetrator must not counsel or procure someone else to engage in behaviour that if engaged in by the perpetrator would be domestic violence.</p>	As per Recommendation 74.
77	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government notes that implementation of this Recommendation is contingent on passage of legislation creating the new facilitation offence proposed by Recommendation 75. The <i>Security Providers Act 1993</i> provides a framework for the exclusion from licence eligibility of persons who have been convicted of a ‘disqualifying offence’ within the previous 10 years.</p>	As per Recommendation 74.
78	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government supports the criminalisation of coercive control and will progress amendments in accordance with the staged approach to reform recommended by the Taskforce.</p>	As per Recommendation 74.
79	<p>Support</p> <p>The Queensland Government will progress amendments to provide for an explicit aggravating sentencing factor where the offender has committed a domestic violence offence in breach of a court order or where the offence exposed a child to domestic violence.</p>	As per Recommendation 74.

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80	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation and will consider further how to best implement the recommendation.</p>	<p>The Department of Justice and Attorney-General and Queensland Corrective Services are working together on implementation options to give best effect to this recommendation. This work will inform the drafting of legislative amendments to support the operating model, once determined.</p>
81	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation and will consider further how best to give effect to the recommendation's intent.</p>	<p>The Department of Justice and Attorney-General and Queensland Police Service are developing a model in line with the Queensland Government's commitment to legislate a non-public register.</p>
82	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation. The approach taken will be dependent on, and informed by, the approach to Recommendation 81.</p>	<p>As per Recommendation 81.</p>
83	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation. The approach taken will be dependent on, and informed by, the approach to Recommendation 81.</p>	<p>The Attorney-General will advocate to the Federal Government and other state and territory governments to create a national scheme.</p>

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84	<p>The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence include statutory review requirements for all of the legislative reforms included in this chapter of the Taskforce’s report which are intended to form part of a second stage of reform. This will require the operation of each of the proposed amendments to be reviewed, as soon as possible, five years from the commencement of the provisions to consider whether the amendments are operating as intended.</p>	<p>Support The Queensland Government will legislate to provide for a statutory review to occur as soon as practicable five years after the last of the relevant amendments commence.</p>	<p>Statutory review is due to commence as soon as practicable five years after the last of the relevant amendments from both Taskforce reports commence.</p>
85	<p>The Queensland Government develop and implement a whole of government monitoring and evaluation framework to measure and monitor outcomes achieved across the domestic and family violence service system including the impact of reforms recommended by the Taskforce.</p>	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government supports the intent of this recommendation and will develop a whole-of-government monitoring and evaluation framework. The Queensland Government will consider other existing public reporting obligations relating to the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016–2026 and Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board reports, to identify opportunities to integrate and streamline where possible and appropriate</p>	<p>A draft whole of government domestic, family and sexual violence monitoring and evaluation framework has been developed in consultation with the domestic, family and sexual violence sector, government agencies and the independent implementation supervisor. Further work to finalise the framework is underway prior to a baseline evaluation being completed.</p>
86	<p>Relevant Queensland Government agencies ensure there are data collection and reporting capabilities within their agencies to enable the implementation of the monitoring and evaluation framework. Where sufficient capabilities do not yet exist, agencies should put in place a plan to build this capacity throughout the implementation of the four-phase plan.</p>	<p>Support To ensure the monitoring and evaluation framework (Recommendation 85) is underpinned by quality and consistent data, the Queensland Government will develop a data quality strategy and embed agreed data collection standards, particularly as it relates to target population groups.</p>	<p>Work is progressing to support domestic, family and sexual violence data capability and capacity building. As part of this work, the data insights program is underway to improve the evidence base, inform practice and have a consequential benefit to improved safety outcomes for women and children. This project will support Queensland Government agencies to embed agreed data collection standards, once developed.</p>
87	<p>The Queensland Government establish a ministerial level oversight committee and a directors-general implementation group with responsibility for implementing the recommendations made by the Taskforce and for the achievement of systemic outcomes for victims and perpetrators outlined by the Taskforce and included in the monitoring and evaluation framework.</p>	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government supports the need for appropriate governance and will consider ways it can utilise existing governance arrangements to ensure appropriate oversight and accountability for implementation of the Government response to the Taskforce recommendations.</p>	<p>The Ministerial and Directors-General oversight mechanism is established and operational. The Women’s Safety and Criminal Justice Steering Committee provides Ministerial and Directors-General oversight of the reform program.</p>

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<p>88 The Queensland Government establish a suitably qualified independent implementation supervisor with an adequately resourced secretariat within the portfolio responsibilities of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, as the agency responsible for the prevention of domestic and family violence, to oversee both the implementation of the recommendations made by the Taskforce and the achievement of system outcomes identified in the monitoring and engagement evaluation plan.</p>	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government will appoint an independent implementation supervisor to provide appropriate oversight of the Government’s implementation of the Taskforce recommendations.</p>	<p>Cathy Taylor commenced on 2 May 2023 as the permanent Independent Implementation Supervisor to oversee implementation of the Government response to recommendations made by the Women’s Safety and Justice Taskforce and <i>A Call for Change</i>. The Supervisor provides bi-annual reports on implementation progress which are tabled in Parliament and publicly released – the first report was delivered to Government in December 2022, and the second in May 2023.</p>
<p>89 The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence will report annually to the Queensland Parliament on the progress of the implementation of the Taskforce’s recommendations and table the biannual reports of the independent implementation supervisor in the Queensland Parliament within 14 days of receipt, until implementation is complete.</p>	<p>Support in principle The Queensland Government will prepare annual reports on its progress in implementing the Government response to the Taskforce recommendations, for tabling in Parliament by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence. The Queensland Government will also consider options for reporting by the implementation supervisor.</p>	<p>The first annual report on the progress of the implementation of the Queensland Government’s response to the Taskforce’s recommendations (this report) was tabled in Parliament and publicly released.</p>

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