



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

# Office for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

**5 June 2024**

# Webinar Agenda



1. Welcome and Acknowledgement
2. Family and Domestic Violence System Reform Governance
3. Family and Domestic Violence Strategic Design and Investment Update
4. Questions & Answers

# System Reform Plan – On a page



## Family and Domestic Violence

SYSTEM REFORM PLAN 2024 TO 2029

### Vision

A family and domestic violence response system that is collaborative, connected and organised around victim-survivor safety, recovery and re-establishment where all parts of the system provide trauma informed, culturally safe and joined-up services to keep victim-survivors safe and hold perpetrators to account.



305,400

Estimated number of women in Western Australia (30%) who have experienced **physical, emotional or economic abuse** by a cohabiting partner since the age of 15

Aboriginal women are

32  
times

more likely to be hospitalised because of violence than non-Aboriginal women

### Pillars of the System Reform Plan



#### Workforce Development

A system-wide workforce where everyone is clear about their roles and responsibilities and have the knowledge and skills to provide safety-focused, family violence informed and culturally appropriate responses to victim survivors and those using violence.



#### Information Sharing

The right information is shared at the right time to the right people to keep victim-survivors safe, maintain perpetrators in view and support coordination of service responses.



#### Risk Assessment

Workers, organisations and agencies are required and supported to assess risk in a consistent way to inform decision making and action. This approach includes the use of specific Aboriginal family safety screening and risk assessment tools.



#### Risk Management

Case coordination and specialist responses are appropriately resourced, with collaborative practices required and embedded. Victim-survivors consistently receive a sensitive and safe response and perpetrators are visible and held to account across all parts of the system.

#### A service system that looks different to everyone

- **Victim-Survivor:** I can access the help I need when I need it, to keep me and my family safe and to support recovery and re-establishment.
- **Perpetrators:** The actions of all services, and service systems hold me to account for my coercive, controlling and violent behaviours and provide pathways to interventions that target behaviour change.
- **Community:** I see stopping family and domestic violence as mine and everyone's responsibility.
- **Services:** I understand my role and responsibilities in responding to family and domestic violence and have the tools and skills I need to provide a response that meets the needs of my client.

The work of the system reform plan will be a **partnership approach** between government, the community sector, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, and lived experience advocates.



# Four pillars and reform actions



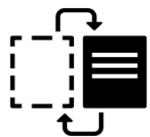
## Workforce Development

We will **develop and support the workforce** to ensure they have capacity and clarity in their roles to do their job effectively



## Five reform actions

Capability framework, workforce entity, training targets, capability statement in non-government contracts, supporting staff



## Information exchange

We will mobilise the **workforce** and support **victims** by enabling **access to the right information at the right time to the right people**



## Five reform actions

Doing better with what we have, central information point, disclosure scheme, data sharing, specialist services database



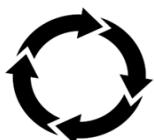
## Risk assessment

With enhanced capacity and access to information, we will **support the workforce** by providing **culturally appropriate and validated tools** to screen, assess and manage risk in a coordinated way across the system



## Four reform actions

Embed and standardize risk assessment practices (validated tools, capturing risk information in agency databases, policy and practice change, supporting legislation)



## Risk management

We will set-up structures that facilitate **collaboration and coordination amongst the workforce**, creating greater visibility of victim-survivors and perpetrators and enabling more effective intervention as a result of better information and risk assessment



## Three reform actions

Service delivery responses including FDVRT enhancement, case coordination, victim-survivor advocates, health settings, housing as a key success factor, perpetrator responses.

# System Reform Governance

The Government is committed to achieving these reform actions.

Accountability to implementation and outcomes will be created through robust governance and public reporting on progress.

A Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) will ensure voices of those with lived experience inform the delivery of the system reforms.





# Implementation Oversight Group

Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

Implementation Oversight Group - Co-Chairs  
Mike Rowe, Director General, Department of Communities  
Dr Alison Evans, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing

Lived experience  
advisory group  
(LEAG)

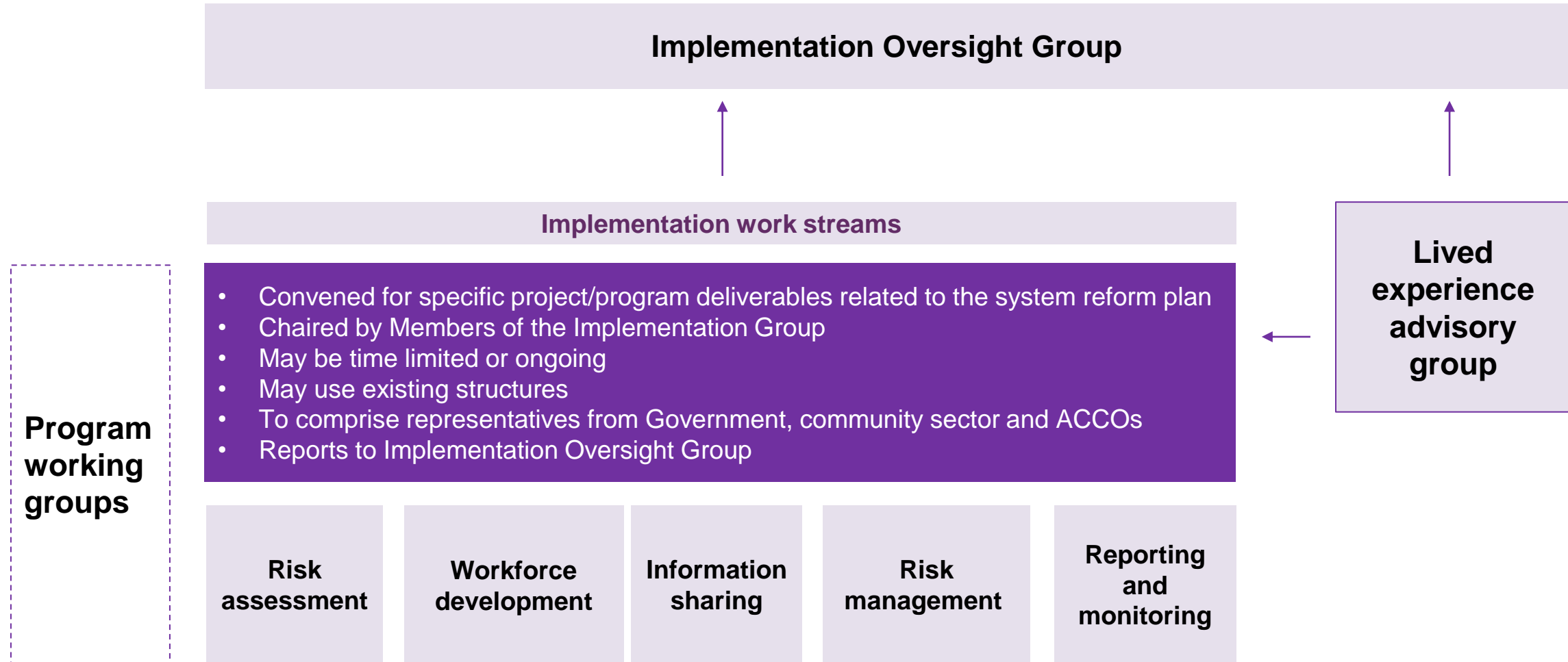
Senior representatives from Government agencies (**8 members + secretariat**):

WA Police  
Mental Health Commission  
Department of Communities  
Department of Education  
Department of Health  
Department of Justice  
Department of Treasury  
Department of Premier and Cabinet

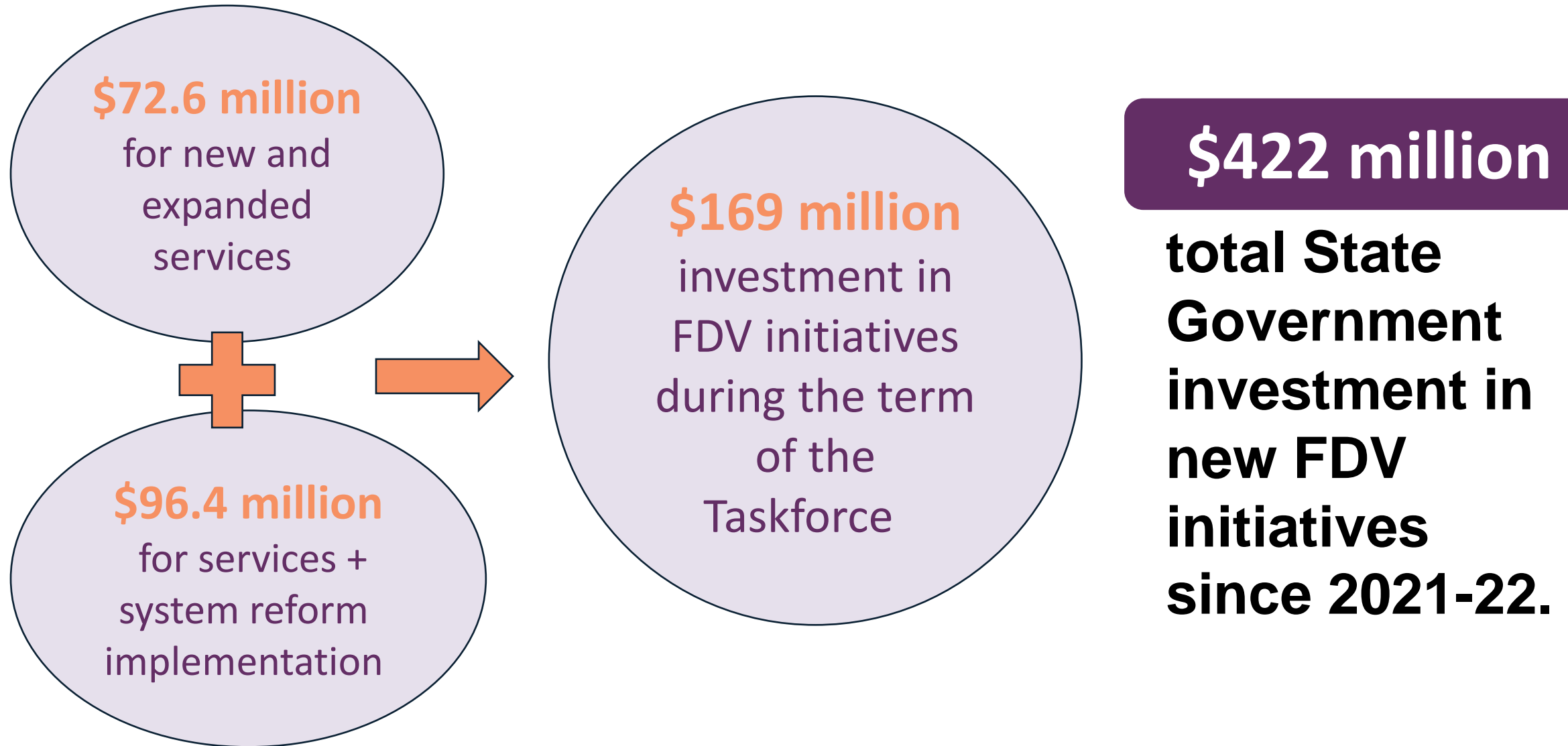
Non-Government representatives (**4-5 members**):

CEO, Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing  
CEO, Stopping Family Violence  
CEO Council of Aboriginal Services, WA  
CEO, Aboriginal Family Legal Services  
Chairperson of the LEAG (once established)

# Implementation Oversight Group



# State government investment





# Breakdown of State government investment

**\$96.4 million** for new and expanded FDV services and supports, and key system reform initiatives including:

**\$53.8 million** for **Family and Domestic Violence Response Teams**, including:



**seven days per week** (including public holidays);  
**continue operations of expanded Coordinated Response Services;**  
staged rollout of **17 additional Community Corrections Officers** by **2027-28**

**\$14.2 million** for a new **Family and Domestic Violence One Stop Hub** in the Perth metropolitan area, to be at the new RUAH Centre for Women and Children

**\$4.5 million** funding uplift for the **men's behaviour change program 'Breathing Space'** in Maylands and Calista

**\$6.2 million** to establish a **dedicated organisation** that will support and develop **family and domestic violence informed workforces**

**\$4 million** to expand **two rapid rehousing programs** and deliver emergency accommodation for victim-survivors in Leonora, Goldfields

# Breakdown of State government investment

**\$3.2 million** for the **Department of Justice** to provide **victim representation and support at Prisoners Review Board meetings**

**\$3.1 million** to **boost capacity of existing family and domestic violence community-based counselling and advocacy services**

**\$1.9 million** to **establish a lived experience advisory group** to inform policy and service design in FDV

**\$1.6 million** to commence work on a **Central Information Point to inform family and domestic violence risk assessment**

**\$490,000** for a **two-year pilot of community-based, short-stay, interventions for mothers and babies who are at risk of, or are victim-survivors of family and domestic violence; and**

**\$396,000** for the **Department of Justice** to undertake consultation on a **new family and domestic violence disclosure scheme for victim-survivors.**

# FDV Package Investment - Following on from the establishment of the Taskforce



- \$72.6 million funding package was announced by the Cook Government on 28 November 2023 to strengthen responses to FDV in Western Australia which was informed by the FDV Taskforce.
- Fifteen submissions were presented as part of the \$72.6 million and were either fully or partially successful.
- The funding package comprises:
  - \$13.34 million to boost efforts around primary prevention and early intervention.
  - \$6.04 million to expand perpetrator interventions into regional Western Australia (WA).
  - \$45 million to maintain and expand crisis responses for victim survivors which includes a commitment to build a new refuge in Perth's northern suburbs.
  - \$2.15 million for workforce development including to support the identification of and responses to coercive control.
  - \$6 million for Aboriginal-led, place-based initiatives to promote Aboriginal family safety.
- To assist with the implementation of the \$72.6 million investment a new stream 'Strategic Design and Investment' was established in the Office for Prevention of FDV on 1 February 2024

# Family and Domestic Violence – Strategic Design and Investment Update



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FDV Initiative	Key Achievements	Funding
Primary Prevention grants	Competitive grants for community-based primary prevention work. Two tiers of funding. <b>Closed on Tenders WA, 7 May 2024.</b>	<b>\$6 million</b> over two years, (2024-25 to 2025-26)
Aboriginal Family Safety grants	Competitive grants for Aboriginal led, place-based responses to family violence. Two tiers of funding. <b>Currently live on Tenders WA.</b>	<b>\$6 million</b> over two years, (2024-25 to 2025-26)
Expansion of Safe At Home	Three new Safe at Home Programs, to be established in regional WA. <b>To be released on Tenders WA in June - Kalgoorlie, Kununurra (Restricted), and Port Hedland.</b>	<b>\$3.1 million</b> over two years, (2024-25 to 2025-26)
Men's Behaviour Change programs	Three new men's behaviour change programs to be established in regional WA, to address regional gaps in perpetrator programs. <b>Currently live on Tenders WA - South West (Expression of Interest).</b>	<b>\$3.1 million</b> over two years (2024-25 to 2025-26)
Preventing Violence Together	To support workforce development and capacity building in the primary prevention space. <b>Contract in place to commence 1 July 2024</b>	
Funding for the Continuation and Expansion of FDV Services	<b>DV assist</b> - Regional, rural or remote telephone or web chat counselling. <b>Housing Families Program</b> - Supports access to private rentals for victim-survivors. <b>Munda Mia</b> - Residential services for young women or young mothers at risk or in crisis as a result of FDV and substance misuse.	



# Q&A

Please send all queries to the below inbox:

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