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Dear Ms Armitage

APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 2025

Please find attached the following responses to question raised in the examination of the Minister for Women and Family Violence.

DIVISION 10 – DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET

Output Group 1 – Policy and Reform and Government Priorities 1.4– Women and Prevention of Family Violence

Question 1: With regard to Table 11.2 Revenue from Appropriation by Portfolio and Output for the Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence (p 216), it appears that the years 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29 do not include indexation. Can you confirm this will be included or explain why there is none?

Answer:

Existing agreements with organisations include indexation, which will remain. However, funding against this budget item includes funding which does not currently attract indexation and both the Department of Treasury and Finance, and the Department of Premier and Cabinet will review this in the context of the 2026-27 Budget development process.

Question 2: Under the state plan for Closing the Gap 2025-2028, action number 49 requires you to work with the Attorney General to ensure the family violence prevention legal service is funded through the National Access to Justice Partnership, which is meant to be underway by the end of the 2025-26 year. Can you provide an update on progress in meeting this Closing the Gap priority? And where is progress on this action reported?

Answer:

Action 49 commenced this financial year and is being led by the Department of Justice.

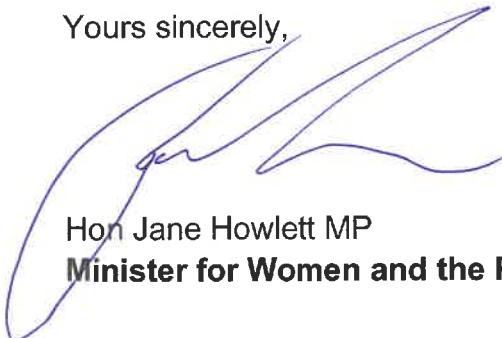
Under Action 49, the Family Violence Prevention Legal Service (FVPLS) will be funded through the National Access to Justice Partnership 2025–2030 (NAJP), the new multilateral agreement for legal assistance services effective from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030.

In Tasmania, the FVPLS allocation under the NAJP has been provided to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS), as the accredited FVPLS provider, with services delivered through its Support, Information, Strength (SiS) program.

As part of its responsibilities, the Department of Justice will report to Aboriginal Partnerships, Policy and Reform within the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC). DPAC is the coordinating agency for Closing the Gap monitoring and reporting in Tasmania.

The next Closing the Gap Annual Report (2025–2026) will report against Tasmania's Plan for Closing the Gap 2025–2028. This report will be prepared following the end of the 2025–26 financial year and will outline annual progress toward implementing the actions in Tasmania's Closing the Gap Implementation Plans.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jane Howlett', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom left.

Hon Jane Howlett MP

Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence