

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Cross Agency Working Group - Communique

The first meeting for 2020 of the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Cross Agency Working Group (CAWG) was convened in Darwin on Tuesday 11 February.

Cross Agency Working Group Review Report 2019

In August 2019, members agreed the CAWG Secretariat would undertake the first annual review of the operation and performance of the CAWG, including the terms of reference.

The review was conducted throughout November and December 2019 and comprised interviews with available CAWG members. The views of members were sought on a range of issues including membership; the role of individual members; how the working group has been functioning; frequency and duration of meetings; whether and how interagency coordination has been improved by the group; and proposed focus areas for the CAWG over the next 12 months.

Responses were de-identified and summarised in the draft Review Report, including a number of recommendations. Members are currently reviewing the report and considering the recommendations, with formal responses due by the end of the month.

Workforce and Sector Development Strategy

A key priority of the Northern Territory's Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Framework 2018-2028: *Safe, respected and free from violence* is to build the capacity of the domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV) workforce.

The Northern Territory Government aims to meet this commitment in a number of ways including developing and implementing the Workforce and Sector Development Strategy (WSDS) to build and support DFSV workforce capability and sector capacity.

CAWG members discussed the WSDS project plan, which outlines the proposed process to develop the WSDS including the establishment of an Advisory Group to support the project. Nominations and recommendations for membership of the Advisory Group will be sought from CAWG out of session.

The WSDS is scheduled for completion in July 2020.

Next meeting

The 2020 CAWG meeting schedule is currently under consideration and dates to be confirmed. It was agreed that the Family Safety Framework, including the progress on the implementation of the Family Safety Framework review, would be a focus discussion item for the next meeting.

Katherine Local Reference Group

Tennant Creek Local Reference Group

