

LEGAL AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Report No. 39

Domestic and Family Violence Protection (Combating Coercive Control) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

On 14 October 2022 the Domestic and Family Violence Protection (Combating Coercive Control) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) was introduced to Parliament.

The Bill was referred to the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee (the Committee) which was required to report back to the Legislative Assembly by 25 November 2022.

On 25 November 2022 the Committee tabled its report (No.39) in relation to the Bill (the Report).

The Queensland Government response to the Committee's recommendations in the Report is provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Domestic and Family Violence Protection (Combating Coercive Control) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 be passed.

Queensland Government response:

The Queensland Government thanks the Committee for its consideration of the Bill and appreciates the Committee's recommendation that the Bill be passed.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Queensland Government develops its consistent evidence based and trauma-informed framework to support training and education and change management across all parts of the DFV [domestic and family violence] and justice system as soon as possible, and reports back on its progress within 12 months of the tabling of this report.

Queensland Government response:

The Queensland Government supports this recommendation.

The Queensland Government supports this recommendation and acknowledges the importance of a consistent, evidence-based and trauma-informed framework to support training and education and change management across all parts of the domestic and family violence system and the justice services system to improve outcomes for victims.

A whole-of-government training, education and change management framework is being developed as a priority in consultation with government and community stakeholders. This includes development of an implementation plan and resources to support adoption of the training framework across agencies, and a monitoring and evaluation plan to determine the effectiveness and outcomes of the training framework.

The primary intent of the framework is to strengthen responses to victims and perpetrators of domestic and family violence through supporting greater consistency of domestic and family violence training delivered across a broad range of service types. It will seek to ensure workers have a comprehensive understanding of domestic and family violence and coercive control so they can recognise and respond to people affected, within the parameters of their agency's role and responsibilities. It will support workers to understand the gendered nature of domestic and family violence and its impacts.

The Queensland Government will report back on implementation progress within 12 months of the Committee's report being tabled.

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