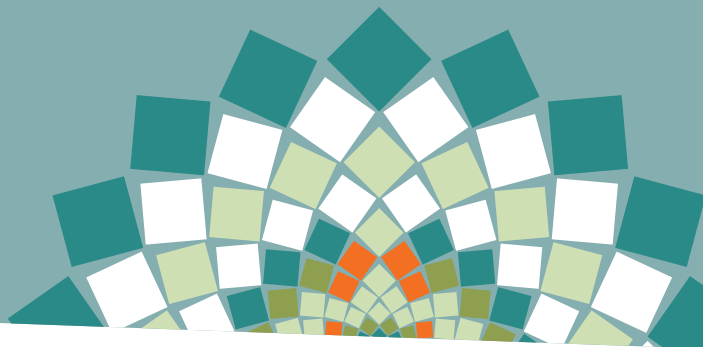


Queensland says: not now, not ever



Year 3 highlights card



Queenslanders take a **zero tolerance** approach to domestic and family violence

Queenslanders are aware of this social issue and are seeking help

Approximately **95%** of Queenslanders indicate that *all* types of domestic and family violence are **unacceptable**, including physical, psychological, emotional and financial abuse

More than **93,000** calls to DVConnect in 2017–18



Victims and their families are **safe and supported**

Tailored support for victims and their families

- More than **12,000** people provided with crisis accommodation
- More than **27,000** domestic and family violence counselling service user cases finalised

\$14.2 million for new and enhanced domestic and family violence services (2018–19)

\$8.7 million to support six High Risk Teams and create two more in Mackay and Moreton Bay (2018–19)



Queensland community, business,

religious, sporting and all government leaders are **taking action and working together**

Queensland communities standing up for change

- More than **250,000** adult Queenslanders were involved in a community domestic and family violence initiative (7.6%)

35 grants for community events and **75** events (including **13** for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples) for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month 2018



Queensland workplaces and workforce **challenge attitudes**

contributing to violence and **effectively support workers**

Continuing to build a supportive workplace culture

- **19** Queensland Government agencies White Ribbon accredited
- **79%** of Queensland Government employees aware of domestic and family violence support in 2017–18, up from 68% in 2016–17

More than **one third** of Queensland workplaces engaged in a domestic and family violence initiative



Perpetrators **stop using violence** and are **held to account**

During 2017–18 police issued **21,092** domestic violence applications

Perpetrator programs are preventing re-offending

- **15,000** perpetrators voluntarily accessing help in 2017–18, up from 6000 in 2015–16

3600 perpetrators assessed as reducing domestic and family violence by NGOs in 2017–18, up from 1500 in 2015–16



The justice system **deals effectively** with domestic and family violence

Additional **\$8.1 million** for the Townsville, Mount Isa and Palm Island specialist courts

18,837 individuals **receiving advice** from specialist domestic and family violence duty lawyers in 2017–18

Strangulation offence used more than 1700 times in 2017–18, up from 1000 in 2016–17

11,984 domestic violence-related charges lodged in 2017–18, down from **12,135** in 2016–17



Respectful relationships and **non-violent behaviour** are embedded in our **community**

Healthy relationships

- All schools have access to the **Respectful Relationships Education** program
- Ten state primary schools are participating in a pilot with Our Watch to trial a whole school approach to respectful relationships education

Since the ***Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland*** report was released in 2015, the Queensland Government has been committed to leading the significant reform required to achieve a Queensland free from domestic and family violence—the vision of the ***Not Now, Not Ever*** report.

The ***Queensland says: not now, not ever, Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016–2026*** outlines a long-term, strategic approach to both prevention—stopping the violence before it happens—and supporting people to live free from violence. The Queensland community has taken up the challenge to end domestic and family violence and the government is responding with a positive plan of action.

‘Queensland has made great strides in our efforts to combat domestic and family violence.’

— Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council, *12 Month Report*.

The program of change is supported with a record investment by the Queensland Government of **\$328.9 million over six years** in response to the ***Not Now, Not Ever*** report.

Sustained commitment is necessary and we all have a role to play. While significant reform takes time, the efforts of Queenslanders across the state are adding up to important progress.

In the **first year** of the reform program, the foundations of reform success were put in place.

In the **second year** of the reform program, transformational changes in the way the government and community work together were established.

Now, in the **third year** of the reform program, we are continuing our efforts and expanding successful programs, including:

- expanding domestic and family violence specialist courts
- adding to our network of domestic and family violence shelters
- expanding our High Risk Teams to new locations.

Our core measures of success

Trends in **community confidence to report** domestic and family violence incidents to the Queensland Police Service have remained steady over the previous three years.ⁱ

In 2018, **94.95%** of Queenslanders view domestic and family violence (both physical and non-physical forms) **as serious**.ⁱⁱ

The three-year trend for **deaths related to domestic and family violence** is stable.ⁱⁱⁱ

In 2018, **95%** of Queenslanders **feel safe from domestic and family violence**.^{iv} While this is encouraging, a significant number of Queenslanders feel unsafe and we need to continue our efforts.

Percentage of domestic and family violence victims who feel safe and supported—baseline data not yet collected.

These changes, along with the implementation of law and justice initiatives, initially meant a rise in the reporting of domestic and family violence as victims came to know that support is available and that they would be taken seriously.

As the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, the Honourable Yvette D’Ath, noted in May 2018, court data ‘is for the first time showing encouraging signs of stabilisation; the first tentative steps towards the long-term cultural change required to tackle domestic violence.’

Footnotes

- i. Queensland Police Service.
- ii. Queensland Social Survey 2018.
- iii. Department of Justice and Attorney-General.
- iv. Queensland Social Survey 2018.

Our key indicators

Data has been collected, where possible, in 2017–18 for a set of indicators outlined in the evaluation framework for the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy. Some of these indicators are set out below.

Queenslanders take a zero tolerance approach to domestic and family violence	12 months to June 2018	● Improved ● Stable
Increased Queenslanders are aware of the different types of domestic and family violence	97.08%	●
Increased Queenslanders indicate that all types of domestic and family violence are unacceptable	94.95%	●
Increased percentage of victims who know where to access help	15% increase in referral reports made on previous year	●
Calls for domestic and family violence support/advice/help to women's and men's lines	93,411 calls Down from 108,499 calls (2017)	
Proportion of perpetrators who voluntarily access perpetrator programs or related services	15,184 perpetrators Up from 5970 perpetrators (2016)	●
Respectful relationships and non-violent behaviour are embedded in our community	12 months to June 2018	
Decreased condoning of domestic and family violence	See section above—Queenslanders take a zero tolerance approach	
Queensland community, business, religious, sporting and all government leaders are taking action and working together	12 months to June 2018	
Number of community initiatives that support awareness and early intervention for domestic and family violence	35 grants for community events 75 events (including 13 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples)	
Queensland workplaces and workforce challenge attitudes contributing to violence and effectively support workers	12 months to June 2018	
Workplaces engage in domestic and family violence initiatives (i.e. employee support programs, leadership, awareness raising, fundraising etc.)	36% of all workplaces	
Increased awareness of Queensland Government employees of domestic and family violence support policy	79% aware of employee support Up from 68% (2017)	●
Increased confidence of Queensland Government employees in responding appropriately to domestic and family violence	75% of employees Up from 71% (2017)	●

Victims and their families are safe and supported	12 months to June 2018	● Improved ● Stable
Number of domestic and family violence counselling service users with cases closed/finalised as a result of the majority of identified needs being met	27,782 service users Up from 20,742 service users (2016)	●
Number of people supported to access crisis accommodation or housing appropriate to their needs	12,433 people Up from 12,336 (2017) Up from 7652 (2016)	●
Number of domestic violence counselling clients who have been provided with brokerage for safety upgrades to the homes of victims	1196 clients Up from 602 clients (2017)	●
Perpetrators stop using violence and are held to account	12 months to June 2018	
Increased number of perpetrators that have been assessed by NGOs as having reduced their use of domestic and family violence	3629 service users Up from 1533 (2017)	●
The justice system deals effectively with domestic and family violence	12 months to June 2018	
Increased number of victims and perpetrators receiving advice from specialist domestic and family violence duty lawyers	8790 aggrieved 10,047 respondents Up from 6502 aggrieved (2017) Up from 8339 respondents (2017) Up from 3243 aggrieved (2016) Up from 4317 respondents (2016)	●
Increased number of intervention orders made (an order that can be made by a court to require a respondent to attend an approved behaviour change program)	1065 orders Up from 923 orders (2017) Up from 604 orders (2016)	●

