

Notes and costing assumptions continued:

Current annual fundings

- NSW Health and the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) have provided an additional \$1,103,053 to Full Stop Australia (FSA) in 2022-23. This is in addition to the annual funding provided by NSW Health to address call attrition, where 1 in 3 calls are not being answered in Australia's domestic violence and sexual assault helpline support services.
- NSW Health also received \$1.1 million in funding for the "Support to Safety" project in 2022-2023. The project will review and assess the role of government and non-government service provision to victims of sexual assault, with a specific focus on the NSW Sexual Violence Helpline.
- The project will include analysis of client usage of helplines, state-wide coverage, duplication of roles, and effectiveness of referral processes, and will aim to inform future investments to improve responses.

Additional proposed funding by FSA

- NSW Health received a funding proposal by FSA requested a one-off funding enhancement of \$467,000 to increase service accessibility to priority populations, but further work will be required to understand if it will meaningfully improve service delivery by FSA.
- However, NSW Health advised that considerations will need to be taken to understand whether FSA is the most appropriate recipient to enhance and improve sexual assault responsibilities for priority populations.

Additional funding

- NSW Health has provided the below funding profile for the additional \$1.4 million in 2023-24 and \$924,000 annually for 2026-27.

COSTING INFORMATION	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 and later
Current NSW Government funding for NSW Sexual Violence Helpline					
NSW Health MAG Program Grant	1,546,500	1,546,500	1,546,500	1,546,500	1,546,500
Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence National Partnership Agreement	1,103,053	-	-	-	-
Total current funding	2,649,553	1,546,500	1,546,500	1,546,500	1,546,500
New proposed additional funding*					
Expenses					
NSW Sexual Violence Helpline (\$)		924,000	924,000	924,000	924,000
Priority population initiatives (\$)		474,000			
Total additional counselling hours**		15,744	15,744	15,744	15,744
Hours per 25 additional counsellors***		630	630	630	630
Total new proposed funding	-	1,398,000	924,000	924,000	924,000
TOTAL IF INVESTMENT APPROVED	2,649,553	2,946,500	2,470,500	2,470,500	2,470,500

Note that employee related expenses are included as counselling hours. No capital expenditure or on-costs to agencies is anticipated.

** Note that counselling hours are costed at \$58.69 per hour.

*** Note that if Full Stop Australia engaged 25 new counsellors through new investment, on average, each counsellor would be employed to deliver 630 counselling hours a year, or approximately 12 hours per week.