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The cost of living with sexual, domestic and family violence, not a high priority?

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The Government has set out its’ priorities for tonight’s budget. Ending violence against women is not one of them, despite the ongoing national crisis of sexual, domestic and family violence and the fact that frontline services are desperate for urgent funding relief.

“This budget is all about addressing cost of living, but what about the cost to women and children living with sexual, domestic and family violence? This doesn’t seem to be an urgent focus.” said Full Stop Australia CEO, Karen Bevan.

Sexual, domestic and family violence is a pervasive and worsening problem across Australia with costs far greater than most people might consider. A recent report by Dr Anne Summers, [The Cost](#), outlines the measurable impact domestic and family violence has on women’s education and workforce participation.

“We’re wondering what is it about the cost of sexual, domestic and family violence that isn’t cutting through? The government has made real progress in complex areas such as women’s health, but the lack of serious engagement with the challenges the sector has been raising in this budget is disappointing.” said CEO, Karen Bevan.

Full Stop Australia has been calling on the Government to urgently address funding and workforce shortages to frontline specialist sexual violence and domestic violence services.

Full Stop Australia made a [pre-budget submission](#) to the Federal Government, seeking a government contribution to help us address the 63% increase in demand last year for our national specialist trauma counselling service for people affected by sexual, domestic and family violence, 1800 FULL STOP.

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The service is funded by donations and corporate partnerships. A significant portion of the demand increase comes from referrals from government funded services who are also under pressure due to demand. So far, the government has not shown interest in supporting this vital work.

1800 FULL STOP provides free, trauma-specialist counselling to anyone in Australia impacted by sexual, domestic and family violence. Call 1800 FULL STOP (1800 385 578).

The NSW Sexual Violence Helpline provides free, trauma-specialist counselling to anyone in NSW impacted by sexual violence. Call 1800 424 017.

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