

Table 1. Apportionment of the cost of key services to family violence, Tranche 1B

Department	Program, service and/or area name	Program, service and/or area description e.g. objectives, target group, eligibility criteria	2014-15		Basis of calculation i.e. methodology	Assumptions and Caveats
			Total Cost (\$)	Cost apportioned to family violence (\$)		
DHHS	Family Services	Child FIRST (Family Information and Referral Support Teams): Family services referral service	\$ 10,132,881	4,304,504	The proportion of cases where FV has been flagged as an 'issue of concern' in the client database as a proportion of total service expenditure.	Caveat: FV may be one of several issues flagged. Assumption: The average cost of clients with FV issues is the same as all clients.
DHHS		Family Services (excluding Family Violence and Sexual Assault services)	\$ 84,056,584	27,772,044		
DHHS	Sexual assault services		\$ 28,341,000	737,749		
DHHS	Child Protection	Reports to the child protection service	N/A	17,247,746	Unit price of service x number of clients where FV flagged. Unit price calculated using 2011-12 Activity Based Costings and inflated by CPI (2.5%) for 3 years. FV client numbers calculated where any of the following fields were flagged: Police - FV L17 report Area of Concern - FV - emotional or psychological impact Area of Concern - FV - physical development or health impact Area of Concern - FV - risk of or actual physical injury Parent or carer capability - FV Family characteristics - FV likely	There are more than 200 areas of concern and a client may have multiple flagged. Clients may have more than one report, investigation or intervention in a year and commonly have multiple orders in a year. The average cost of clients with FV issues is the same as all clients. A small number of clients are re-investigated within 12 months. DHHS is otherwise unable to disaggregate costs of the various components of child protection. A small number of clients have more than one intervention within 12 months. It is not possible to track costs at individual client level with existing child protection systems. DHHS is otherwise unable to disaggregate costs of the various components of child protection.
DHHS		Investigations	N/A	17,139,850		
DHHS		Protective interventions (activity with substantiated cases up to the point of a court order being issued).	N/A	19,774,149		
DHHS		Protective Orders (all orders including those that do not lead to an Out of Home Care placement)	N/A	54,671,732		
DHHS	Out of Home Care	Out of home care placements at 30 June 2015	\$ 316,824,753	166,695,115	The proportion of cases where FV has been flagged as an 'issue of concern' in the child protection client database as a proportion of total service expenditure. FV client numbers calculated where any of the following fields were flagged: Police - FV L17 report Area of Concern - FV - emotional or psychological impact Area of Concern - FV - physical development or health impact Area of Concern - FV - risk of or actual physical injury Parent or carer capability - FV Family characteristics - FV likely	There are 200 areas of concern and an individual may have multiple areas of concern. The actual number of placements during the year is higher because many placements are shorter than 12 months. It is assumed that the average cost of clients with FV issues is the same as all clients. Overheads and expenditure not attributable to an individual (e.g. central office, research, learning and development) have been excluded.
DHHS	Hospitals	Hospital inpatient separations	N/A	4,084,950	FV identified in the VAED file where any diagnostic field involves an assault code where the perpetrator is identified to be a family member. Where the patient episode cost is available, the patient episode cost was applied. In 7% cases where the patient episode cost is not available, an average DRG cost was applied.	Cost of care is not directly measured. The number of family violence cases recorded in administrative data collections by hospitals is most likely an under-estimate. Previous research found that between 2-3% of all women presenting in Victorian emergency departments presented due to family violence related incident (Sherrard et al, 1994; Diemer, 2012). The assumption of under estimation is further supported by population measures such as the family incidents recorded by Victoria Police which found that in the year ending 31 March 2015, there were 69,442 incidents, rising by 8.2% from 64,187 incidents in 2014. Current figures for emergency department presentations therefore suggest that less than 1 per cent of these incidents result in a ED presentation.
DHHS		Emergency Department presentations	N/A	329,443	FV identified in the VEMD file where any diagnostic field involves an assault code where the perpetrator is identified to be a family member. Where the patient episode cost is available, the patient episode cost was applied. In 3% cases where the patient episode cost is not available, an average patient cost was applied.	
		Total cost apportioned to FV (Tranche 1)	312,757,282			