

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

Department	Program, service and/or area name	Program, service and/or area description e.g. objectives, target group, eligibility criteria	2013-14		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	9,676,926	3,945,435	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)	78,677,296	26,551,183		
DHHS	Sexual assault services	Sexual assault services	24,456,000	854,869		
DHHS	Child Protection	Reports to the child protection service	N/A	13,982,266	Unit price of service x number of clients where FV flagged.	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	13,706,240	Unit price calculated using 2011-12 Activity Based Costings and inflated by CPI (2.5%) for 2 years. FV client numbers calculated where any of the following fields were flagged:	
DHHS		Protective interventions (activity with substantiated cases up to the point of a court order being issued).	N/A	16,513,450	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	
		Protective Orders (all orders including those that do not lead to an Out of Home Care placement)	N/A	40,675,517	Parent or carer capability - FV Family characteristics - FV likely	
DHHS	Out of Home Care	Out of home care placements at 30 June 2014	285,378,750	137,240,134	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	3,315,130	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 incidents of family violence presented in Emergency Departments (0.03%) are most likely under-estimated. Previous research has also found that between 2-3% of all women presenting in Victorian emergency departments were due to family violence related incidents (Sherrand et al, 1994; Diemer, 2012).
DHHS		Emergency Department presentations	N/A	282,977	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)				257,067,201		