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TERRITORY LABOR RELEASES FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY

Lynne Walker, Shadow Minister for Women’s Policy, today announced $6 million towards the replacement of the Women’s Shelter in Alice Springs as part of Territory Labor’s Family and Sexual Violence Policy.

“The Alice Springs Women’s Shelter is an important resource for Alice Springs and up to 85 surrounding communities. Territory Labor will take immediate action to support community safety with this significant commitment”, Ms Walker said.

In addition, we will undertake an infrastructure needs analysis of all our existing women’s shelters and develop a 5 year capital works masterplan for these shelters.

Territory Labor also announced that if in Government, a safe house would be established in Galiwinku.

“Discussions with community leaders and service providers has identified that there is a need for a safe house and we will work with the Galiwinku community to establish a suitable facility and model for its operation”, Ms Walker said.

Territory Labor’s Family and Sexual Violence policy outlined a range of initiatives to support the prevention of family violence and to improve services, including:

- implementing evidence based and community driven prevention initiatives that influence cultural change in our society;
- developing a Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Framework in our first term
- establishing a Ministerial Advisory Committee of Indigenous Women to provide advice on government policy and services
- establishing a family violence related homicide review process to identify how we can improve Government services
- supporting the evaluation of the integrated response to family violence to improve the coordination of Government and non-Government service provision

In a further announcement on savings Ms Walker has confirmed that Labor will cancel the controversial Alcohol Mandatory Treatment model introduced by the CLP.

“This is a failed program that is costing the Northern Territory approximately $24.5 million per year.

“That money should be directed at programs known to work. Labor will use part of those funds to re-introduce the Banned Drinkers Register with its therapeutic courts,
rehabilitation and diversion programs. The BDR will be phased in as we phase out the alcohol mandatory treatment.

“Unlike the actions of the CLP, Labor will leave no vacuum in this critical policy area

“We will also use the funds to back up early intervention programs in the early years of children’s lives and other elements of the Territory wide Early Childhood Plan that will be introduced by Labor if we are elected.”

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SAVINGS

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Note the total cost per annum of the Alcohol Mandatory Treatment is $24.5 m (source 2014-15 Written Question.) Labor will use $4.5 m to continue the work of the diversion programs, courts and rehabilitation services which are part of the BDR.

COSTS

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These costs reflect the capital that will be required to bring back the BDR in 2016-17 and then funding for any ongoing monitoring and maintenance issues. The BDR is part of a broader expenditure that includes a specialist court and diversion pathways.