Domestic violence services in Darwin and Alice Springs will receive $410,000 this financial year, a $100,000 rise.

The Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission (NTLAC) and the Central Australian Women’s Legal Service (CAWLS) will share the funds.

This is a vote of confidence in these two organisations which have done a great job in a challenging environment.

Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne said the staff of domestic violence services are among the frontline troops in the fight against this community problem,” Dr Toyne said.

The functions of the services include:

- Provide legal advice and representation for victims of domestic violence
- Provide information and advocacy for victims of domestic violence
- Develop and provide public awareness and education about the legal rights of victims of domestic violence

“Domestic violence services play a key role in meeting the safety needs of people who experience domestic and family violence,” Dr Toyne said.

“Securing Apprehended Violence Orders is an important part of this function to protect people from violent offenders.”

“They also play an important role in providing community education on legal issues on domestic and family violence.”

“Cracking down on domestic violence is one of this Government’s priorities, the increase in funding is a reflection of our commitment to this issue,” Dr Toyne said.