1. The Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence provided its report, ‘*Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland*’ to the Premier and Minister for the Arts in February 2015. The Government developed a ten year Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy to guide implementation and realise the vision of the Report.
2. The Second Action Plan 2016–17 to 2018–19 delivered wide-ranging reforms including specialist domestic and family violence (DFV) courts, establishment of seven new DFV shelters, commencement of integrated service response trials and eight high risk teams, 24 additional specialist DFV police officers, established new or enhanced DFV support services to address service gaps, legislative reform, and a state-wide communication and engagement strategy to increase awareness and help-seeking behaviour.
3. A structured review of the Second Action Plan finds that good progress has been made in implementing the Second Action Plan, driven in part by strong leadership, collaboration and innovation. The Review identifies a need to increase awareness in the community of the non-physical forms of DFV and gender inequality as a driver of DFV, improve the visibility and accessibility of existing services, strengthen integrated responses (particularly for vulnerable groups), and improve access and uptake of services by perpetrators, and that empowering business and community leaders will be important to maintaining momentum and achieving change at a local level.
4. The Third Action Plan seeks to further embed cultural change and system reform, while also continuing the transition from government-led action to community ownership as foreshadowed in the Strategy.
5. Actions under the Third Action Plan include: partnering with Queensland corporate, business and community sectors to strengthen business and workplace DFV prevention and responses; establishing a Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Champions Group to drive cultural change at the local level and support local leaders; enhancing integrated service responses and the capacity of the service sector to respond effectively to those who experience domestic and family violence; evolving the Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Court model in response to evaluation evidence; and strengthening respectful relationships program delivery in Queensland schools.
6. Cabinet approved public release of the Final Report of the Structured Review of the Second Action Plan 2016–17 to 2018–19 and the Factsheet on the overview of the Review.
7. Cabinet approved the Third Action Plan 2019–20 to 2021–22 and its public release.
8. Cabinet approved public release of the factsheet providing an overview of the Engagement and Communication Strategy 2016–2026.
9. *Attachments*
* [*Final Report – Structured review of the Second Action Plan*](Attachments/ReviewReport.PDF)
* [*Factsheet – Overview of the structured review of the Second Action Plan – Final Report*](Attachments/ReportFactsheet.pdf)
* [*Third Action Plan 2019–20 to 2021–22*](Attachments/Plan.PDF)
* [*Factsheet – Overview of the Engagement and Communication Strategy 2016–2026*](Attachments/CommsFactsheet.PDF)