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to Reduce Violence against Women & their Children

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New national research program on violence against women and their children

The Hon. Quentin Bryce will today launch a national research program on domestic, family and sexual violence.

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) has produced its first research program to build knowledge on domestic, family and sexual violence.

Women with disabilities, immigrant and refugee women, women in rural areas and Australian Indigenous communities will be the focus of particular projects within the program.

ANROWS's research program comprises 20 projects with a total value of \$3.5 million. Projects vary in length and will be delivered at different points over the next two years.

Current research shows rates of violence against women and their children in Australia remain alarmingly high, and community attitudes on the issue are problematic.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics' Personal Safety Survey 2012 found one in five (19%) Australian women had been subjected to sexual violence and one in six (17%) had experienced physical or sexual violence from a current or former partner.

The recent National Community Attitudes Survey 2013 found that attitudes and beliefs that contribute to violence against women are still prevalent in Australia. One in five Australians still agree that a woman is partly responsible for rape if she is intoxicated, two-thirds (64%) believe violence against women is caused by some men being unable to control their anger and 43% believe men rape because they can't control their need for sex.

Each project will address a key gap in current evidence on violence against women and their children. These gaps are identified in the *National Research Agenda to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children* according to four main themes: experience and impacts of violence against women, gender inequality and prevention, effectiveness of service responses and interventions, and the impact of systems.

ANROWS Chair Emeritus Professor Anne Edwards said the research program would provide invaluable evidence to inform policy and practice to reduce violence against women and their children.

“This form of violence impacts on the lives of too many Australians. Outcomes of the research projects will support great work already being done on this issue and drive a coordinated and evidence-based response in the future.”

ANROWS CEO Heather Nancarrow said service providers, policy makers and researchers across Australia had an important role in the development of the research program.

“We are grateful for the expert advice we have received from across Australia. It has been crucial to the entire process, from developing the National Research Agenda to Reduce Violence against women and their children and our current research priorities, to assessing grant applications and advising on large scale projects.”

“Many of the research projects see researchers and community organisations working together to produce innovative and relevant research. It’s exciting to see goodwill from so many organisations but it will be even better to see the results of their research,” Ms Nancarrow said.

Details on projects in the research program are available below. More information about the National Research Agenda, grant applications and ANROWS’s research priorities is available at anrows.org.au

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“If you or someone you know is impacted by sexual assault or family violence, call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732 or visit <http://www.1800RESPECT.org.au>. In an emergency, call 000”

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Launched in May this year, Australia’s National Research Organisation for Women’s Safety (ANROWS) is a not-for-profit independent national research organisation, jointly funded by the Commonwealth and state and territory governments.

A key initiative under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (the National Plan), ANROWS aims to build, distribute and promote evidence to drive policy and practice aimed at reducing levels of violence against women and their children and alleviating its impact

ANROWS Research Program 2014-16

Strategic Research Theme 1 Experience and impacts

Research priority	Project title	Approx. length	Budget range	Type*
1.1 Prevalence and incidence of violence against Women.	Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey 2012 additional data analysis on violence against women.	6 months	<\$50k	3
1.2 Prevalence, incidence and dynamics of violence against immigrant and refugee women and their service needs.	Promoting community-led responses to violence against immigrant and refugee women in metropolitan and regional Australia.	2 years	\$300k+	1
1.3 The effect of social and geographic isolation and remoteness on the ability of women to disclose, report, seek help and receive appropriate interventions following experiences of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.	Seeking help for domestic violence: exploring rural women's coping experiences.	2 years	\$200-300k	1
1.4 Interventions linking service responses for domestic violence and/or sexual assault with drug and/or alcohol use/abuse.	Establishing the Connection [between alcohol and other drug use and sexual victimisation].	1 year	\$50-100k	1
1.6 Literature review and critical analysis of current national and international research on the co-occurrence, intersection and differences between forms of, and responses to, violence against women and their children.	State of knowledge on the co-occurrence, intersection and differences between forms of, and responses to, violence against women and their children.	6 months	<\$50k	3
1.7 The burden of disease impact of violence against women.	National burden of disease study examining the impact of violence against women.	18 months	\$200-300k	2
1.8 The impact of domestic violence on parenting, with particular attention to the tactics a perpetrator may use to disrupt the mother-child relationship and what helps to heal or strengthen this relationship.	Domestic and family violence and parenting: mixed method insights into impact and support needs.	20 months	\$200-300k	1
1.9 Relationship between mental health and sexual assault.	Women's Input to a Trauma-informed systems model of care in Health settings: The WITH study.	2 years	\$300k+	1

* 1. Open application; 2. Multi-jurisdictional, national; 3. Small-scale, commissioned

Strategic Research Theme 2 Gender inequality and primary prevention

Research priority	Project title	Approx. Length	Budget range	Type*
2.1 National framework for the prevention of violence against women.	National framework for the prevention of violence against women and their children (Project in partnership with Our Watch and VicHealth).	20 months	\$50-100k (ANROWS contribution)	2
2.2 Media representations of violence against women and their children.	Media representations of violence against women and their children (Project in partnership with Our Watch).	1 year	\$50-100k (ANROWS contribution)	2

Strategic Research Theme 3 Service responses and interventions

Research priority	Project title	Approx. Length	Budget range	Type*
3.1 National mapping and meta-evaluation outlining key features of effective 'safe at home' programs that enhance safety and prevent homelessness for women and their children who have experienced domestic and family violence.	National mapping and meta-evaluation outlining key features of effective 'safe at home' programs that enhance safety and prevent homelessness for women and their children who have experienced domestic and family violence.	6 months	\$100-200k	2
3.2 Literature review on existing knowledge, practice and responses to violence against women in Australian Indigenous communities.	State of knowledge, practice and responses to violence against women in Australian Indigenous communities.	6 months	<\$50k	3
3.3 Evaluations of innovative approaches encompassing Indigenous perspectives that successfully support Australian Indigenous women subjected to family and/or sexual violence.	Advocacy for safety: good practice and innovative approaches with Indigenous women experiencing family and domestic violence in remote and regional Australia.	18 months	\$200-300k	1
3.4 Models of accessible service provision for women with disability who have experienced sexual assault and/or domestic violence.	What does it take? Developing informed and effective tertiary responses to violence and abuse for women and girls with disabilities in Australia.	2 years	\$300k+	1

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Strategic Research Theme 4 Systems

Research priority	Project title	Approx. Length	Budget range	Type*
4.1 Improving legal and justice responses to violence against women.	Improving legal and justice responses to violence against women.	2 years	\$300k	2
4.2 Meta-evaluation of existing interagency partnerships, collaboration, coordination and/or integrated interventions and service responses to violence against women.	Meta-evaluation of existing interagency partnerships, collaboration, coordination and/or integrated interventions and service responses to violence against women.	1 year	\$100-200k	2
4.3 Evaluation of innovative models of interagency partnerships, collaboration, coordination and/or integrated responses to family and/or sexual violence against women in Australian Indigenous communities.	Evaluation of innovative models of interagency partnerships, collaboration, coordination and/or integrated responses to family and/or sexual violence against women in Australian Indigenous communities.	2 years	\$200-300k	2
4.5 Integrated child protection and domestic and family violence approaches and practice.	The PATRICIA Project: Pathways And Research In Collaborative Inter-Agency working.	2 years	\$300k+	1
4.6 The role of income support policies and employment and financial management services in building economic security for women who have experienced domestic and family violence.	Building effective policies and services to promote women's economic security following domestic and family violence.	18 months	\$100-200k	1

Strategic Research Theme 5 Knowledge translation and evaluation

Research priority	Project title	Approx. Length	Budget range	Type*
5.1 Literature review on knowledge translation and exchange within the violence against women field.	Review of the evidence on knowledge translation and exchange in the violence against women field.	4 months	<\$50k	3

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