

CFV 105 Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse

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Proposal 5–1:

Agreed

Proposal 5–2:

Proposal 5–3:

Agreed

Proposal 5–4:

agreed

Proposal 5–5:

Agreed

Proposal 5–6:

Proposal 5–7:

Agreed

Proposal 5–8:

Agreed

Question 5–1 :

Depends of personal circumstances but potentially at regular intervals or at points of change.

Proposal 5-9:

Agreed

agreed

Question 5-2 :

either could be appropriate

Proposal 6-1 :

Agreed

Proposal 6-2:

agreed

Proposal 6-3:

agreed

Proposal 6–4:

agreed

Question 6–1:

not able to comment

Proposal 6–5:

Agreed

Question 6–2:

Yes

Question 6–3:

Yes

Proposal 6–6:

Need to be cautious about information sought from alleged perpetrators of violence as they are unlikely to be transparent about their income or the financial resources and support that they make available to their children or their partner.

Question 7–1:

Unable to comment

Proposal 7–1:

Agreed

Question 7–2:

Unable to comment

Question 7–3:

Unable to comment

Proposal 7–2:

Agreed

Question 7–4:

Agreed

Question 7–5:

Provision of special purpose emergency payments from Centrelink to ensure women and children are not left without any means of support.

Question 7–6:

Waiting period should be waived immediately unless some other form of support is made available during the waiting period.

Proposal 7-3:

Agreed

Question 7-7:

Payments need to be made available to ensure women and children are not left without any means of support.

Proposal 7-4:

Agreed

Question 7-8:

Unable to comment

Question 7-9:

Unable to comment

Question 7-10:

Appointment of specialist case manager to assist women and children escaping violence would provide wrap around assistance.

Proposal 7-5:

Agreed

Proposal 7-6:

Exemption periods need to be far longer. recovery from violence is a long process involving both physical and psychological recovery but also the need to deal with a maze of processes, including legal processes, required to escape the violence and establish an independent living arrangement for her and her children. Exemption period would need to be assessed according to the individual woman's need.

Question 7-11:

Unable to comment

Question 7-12:

It is essential that staff make information available to victims of violence and that this information is easily accessible in other forms such as on the website and via pamphlets etc.

Proposal 7-7:

Agreed

Question 7-13:

Unable to comment

Proposal 8-1:

Agreed. women need immediate access to support if they are to attempt to escape violence.

Question 8–1:

Funding needs to be made available to sustain women and children seeking to escape violence.

Proposal 8–2:

Agreed

Proposal 8–3:

Agreed

Proposal 8–4:

Agreed

Proposal 8–5:

Agreed

Question 8–2:

Suspension of the debt would be advantageous. What is key is that the cause of the debt is uncovered. In many cases women are forced to lie by their partners about their circumstances in order to appear eligible for a benefit. In these cases the women should not be held solely responsible for the debt.

Proposal 8–6:

See above

Proposal 8-7:

Agreed