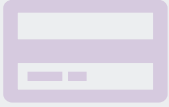


## The Problem



**\$5.7 billion** is the estimated direct cost of financial abuse to victims <sup>1</sup>



Almost **20%** of women in South Australia have experienced economic abuse from an intimate partner <sup>2</sup>



Nearly **1 in 4** women in South Australia have experienced emotional abuse from an intimate partner <sup>3</sup>



Around **3 in 10** South Australian women have experienced violence from an intimate partner <sup>4</sup>



Approximately **40%** of people accessing homelessness services have experienced family and domestic violence <sup>5</sup>

## The Roundtable



**11/10/23**



**34 attendees**

Purpose:

- Explore potential solutions and innovative actions,
- enhance connection and conversation, and
- increase knowledge and understanding.

Attendees included representatives from:

- The real estate industry,
- the domestic and family violence (DFV) sector,
- housing providers and
- advocacy organisations.

## Key Issues Discussed

- Victim-survivors' access to financial assistance can be limited by strict eligibility criteria
- Workers in the real estate industry may not be confident in identifying DFV due to a lack of education and training
- Victim-survivors require protection from assuming liability for unpaid rents and damages
- Tenants, landlords and property managers require more awareness of tenant rights when navigating issues caused by DFV

## Potential Solutions



Real estate industry to explore the provision of references for victim-survivors whose rental history is impacted by DFV



Investigate the design and implementation of education and training for real estate agents and property managers



Consider creation of a centralised resource to support renters experiencing DFV and provide information to real estate agencies



The real estate industry, housing, financial assistance programs and the DFV sector to explore formal ways to continue working together

<sup>1</sup> Deloitte, Commonwealth Bank, The Cost of Financial Abuse in Australia 2022

<sup>2</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2021-22 Personal Safety Survey

<sup>3</sup> ABS, 2021-22 Personal Safety Survey.

<sup>4</sup> ABS, 2021-22 Personal Safety Survey.

<sup>5</sup> Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Specialist homelessness services annual report 2022-23.