

National Federation Reform Council

Women's Safety Taskforce

Terms of Reference

Authority	<p>On 29 May 2020, the Prime Minister announced that National Cabinet agreed to establish the National Federation Reform Council (NFRC) and a NFRC Taskforce on Women's Safety.</p>
Membership	<p>The National Federation Reform Council Women's Safety Taskforce (the Taskforce) consists of Commonwealth, state and territory Women's Safety Ministers. Each jurisdiction is represented by a maximum of two Ministers with portfolio responsibility for women, families and/or prevention of family and domestic violence.</p> <p>Each jurisdiction will nominate a Senior Minister as lead representative on the Taskforce.</p> <p>The Taskforce is co-chaired by the Commonwealth Minister for Women and the Commonwealth Minister for Families and Social Services. The co-Chairs may invite expert advisers to participate in specific meetings or discussions, as appropriate.</p>
Operations and decision making	<p>The Taskforce will meet at least twice a year and more frequently as needed, as determined by the co-Chairs or on advice from members. Meetings may be held in person or by telepresence or teleconference facility. The Taskforce may also conduct work out-of-session.</p> <p>The Taskforce will take decisions and agree common principles but there will be flexibility in implementation across the jurisdictions to account for each jurisdiction's unique circumstances.</p> <p>The Taskforce will also meet as necessary with other Ministers, including Attorneys-General and Police and Emergency Management Ministers, to enable collaborative work, noting that women's safety issues cut across multiple portfolios.</p> <p>Other operational arrangements are to be made by the Taskforce and do not require NFRC endorsement.</p>

National Federation Reform Council

Scope of Taskforce responsibility	<p>The Taskforce provides a forum for member governments to drive national progress in reducing violence against women and their children.</p> <p>The Taskforce’s work will encompass, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• driving and reporting on actions to reduce violence against women and their children under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-22, and specifically the current Fourth Action Plan;• developing and implementing a new National Plan, including governance arrangements and a consultation process with a National Summit on reducing violence against women and their children;• monitoring and responding to issues relating to women’s safety, including the impacts of COVID-19 on women’s safety; and• respecting and responding to the diverse lived experience of women affected by violence.
Review and reporting	<p>Each year, the Taskforce should discuss and set priorities for the coming year, informed by discussion at the previous NFRC meeting. The Taskforce will report to the NFRC annually on progress against its priorities.</p>

