

# ‘Top up’ funding for community legal centres ‘was always going to end’: Cash

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Details of an extra \$30 million for frontline legal assistance and family law services will be unveiled at the COAG on domestic violence in Brisbane today.

But Michaelia Cash, the Minister for Women, confirmed on RN Breakfast that funding for community legal centres will fall from July next year.

‘In July next year, there will be a reduction in the funding, but that is due to the fact that under Labor, they provided some top up funding that was always going to end. That top up funding will not be continued, because that is always what it was’.

The Minister says in partnership with the States, \$1.62 billion had been committed over five years for the National Partnership on Legal Assistance Services.

She also says the first action of the Turnbull Government was committing \$100 million for the Women’s Safety Package, to implement the third phase of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children, which was first adopted five years ago.



IMAGE: MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT MICHAELIA CASH (ABC NEWS/MATTHEW ROBERTS)

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