The "Women's" Budget - really?

What we needed:

$3 billion over 3 years -

Hayley Foster, CEO, Women's Safety NSW (1).

Or, $1 billion per year.

What we got:

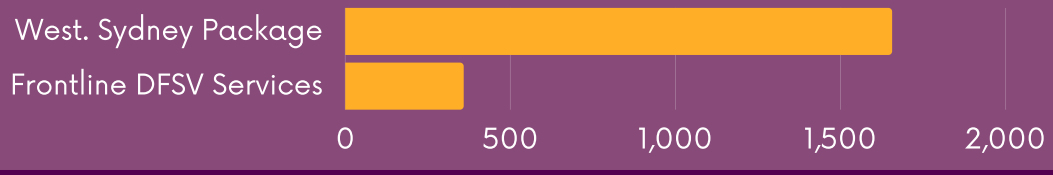
$1.1 billion over 5 years

Budget paper #3, Community, Table 2.6 (2).

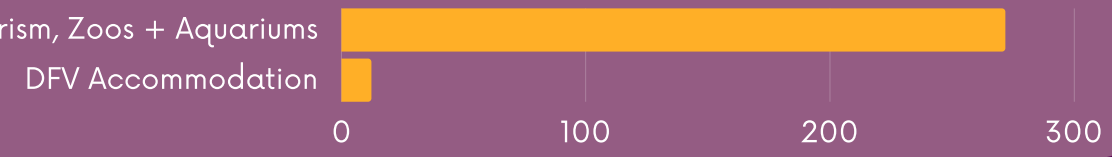
Or, **$0.22 billion a year.**

Over 5 years, that's a **$3.9 billion dollar gap** full of abused or dead women - or this:

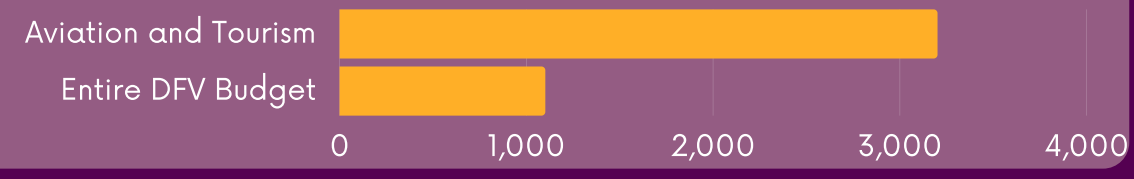
One airport vs frontline services: 4.6x as much money going into Western Sydney Airport than nationwide frontline DFSV services:



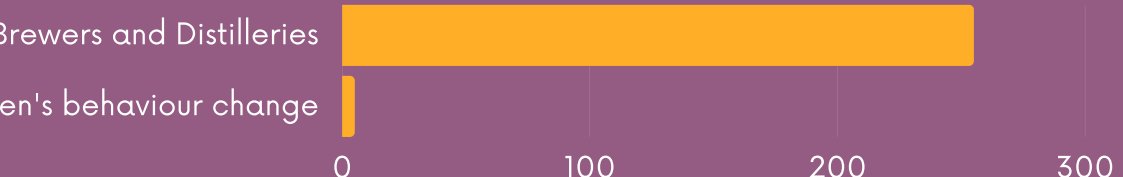
Exotic animals vs DV housing: 7x as much money going into travel agents and housing animals(4) than families fleeing violence (5):



Planes and travel agents vs 13 million women's safety : Nearly 3x as much money for "keeping planes in the air and tourism services operational" (4) than "unacceptable rates of violence against women" (3)



The alcohol industry vs violence prevention: 52x the money going into tax cuts for breweries and distilleries (6) to men's behaviour change (2.)



1 - Women's Safety Media Release, 2021. 2. Budget Paper 3 - Community, Table 2.6., Commonwealth of Australia. (3) Budget Paper 3 - Infrastructure. (4) Budget Statement - Creating Jobs and Rebuilding the Economy. 5 Budget Paper 3 - Affordable Housing. (6) Breweries and distilleries tax cuts. Design + research by Artemis Designs and Tech.

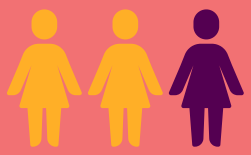
The COVID-19 Pandemic and Domestic Violence for Federal Government

From Jan 01, 2021 to August 20, 2021, 33 women and 16 children died by murder or manslaughter.

Most of this is attributable to domestic and family violence, and may be an undercount, due to information about violent deaths or missing persons taking time to surface. (1)

1 in 5

Women who lived with a partner in COVID experienced controlling abuse behaviours (2)



2 in 3

Over 66% said the abuse **started or became worse** in the pandemic (2)

1 in 2

Half of women already experiencing violence said abuse had become **more frequent or more severe** (2)

Without accounting for the COVID increase, DV costs the Australian economy $26 billion a year, or $130 billion over 5 years (3)

The Federal Government is attempting to address a $130 billion problem with $1.1 billion worth of funding. That gap looks like this:

It can't possibly work. We need an urgent and permanent increase in funding to stop women dying and being abused.

(1.) Australia's death toll, Impact Australia, accessed here. (2.) The prevalence of violence among women in the COVID-19 pandemic, Australian Institute of Criminology, accessed here. (3.) Women's Budget Statement, Commonwealth of Australia, accessed here. Design and research by Artemis Designs and Tech.