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Australian Government announces further funding for the family and relationship services sector

Today at the FRSA National Conference, the Attorney-General, the Hon. Senator George Brandis announced a further \$468 million over three years to continue to fund family law services.

The announcement will ensure family law services can continue to deliver support to families and communities across Australia. These services include counselling, advice, family dispute resolution, mediation, children's contact services and other intensive post-separation support services.

Family & Relationship Services Australia (FRSA) Executive Director, Jackie Brady said, "The rollover of funding to Family Law Services through until June 2022 is certainly a welcome announcement".

"Whilst important conversations are being held over the next two years about what the future of family law in Australia will look like – this funding will provide a level of certainty and stability to the services supporting families outside of the Court System and of course the families accessing them."

"Since the 2006 implementation of these Family Law Services, the Family Court has experienced a 25 per cent reduction in matters involving children", she said. "The Attorney-General himself has described the sector as an 'outstanding success' which is an accolade we welcome."

"The Attorney-General has also strongly encouraged the sector to become very active in the Review of Family Law Services being conducted by the ALRC", she said. "We will certainly be taking every opportunity we can to add our voice and vision to the family law system review."

"We look forward to working with the Acting President and Lead Commissioner on the Inquiry, Professor Helen Rhoades; and the newly appointed part-time Commissioners, The Hon. John Faulks and Mr Geoff Sinclair.

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