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**FROM:** Ryan Collins, Director - Participation Branch

**DATE:** 9 May 2017

**SUBJECT: Family Violence Workforce Census**

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* *The family violence workforce census is been extended and will now be live until* ***19 May 2017.***
* *Learn Locals have critical links to their communities and many have a range of interactions with individuals who are victims or perpetrators of family violence.*
* *We are seeking your assistance by encouraging your employees and volunteers to participate in the census, which will inform development of a 10-year industry plan.*

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The Victorian Government is working to implement the 227 recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Family Violence, with an unprecedented $1.9 billion committed in the 2017-18 Victorian Budget to help us respond to the needs of victim survivors, keep them and their children safe, and hold perpetrators to account. This historic investment in responding to family violence includes $125.4 million to build the workforce and manage risk.

Victoria’s first family violence workforce census has been launched to give workforces that intersect with family violence an opportunity to provide input that will help government plan for the future and to understand and address workforce challenges. We appreciate it’s been busy with Easter holidays, school and public holidays and have taken on board feedback about not having time to complete the survey, so the closing date **has been extended until 19 May**.

We are seeking your assistance in promoting the extension of the census to your workforces and volunteers, encouraging them to take up the opportunity to help shape how we build the future workforce and have a voice on the key issues affecting them.

For further information, FAQs, and information about support services, please visit <http://www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence/workforce-census.html>

If you have any questions about the survey questions or are experiencing technical issues please contact KPMG at: AU-FMFVCensus2017@kpmg.com.au or on 03 9838 4750.