



Inquiry into Family, Personal and Sexual Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA

Addressed to: Domestic Violence Crisis Centre

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Reference: Legal Affairs

Hearing: 20 March 2026

In relation to: Domestic and family violence

Question received: 20/03/2026

Answer Due: 30/03/2026

Which aspects of the Bill do you see as the most impactful in enhancing safety and accountability, and is there anything else that you recommend the Committee consider?

[ANSWERING ENTITY]: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Implementation of the amendments in the Bill will be a crucial part of safety and accountability outcomes. Consistency in the utilisation of mechanisms like the Family Violence Safety Notices can increase accountability of those using violence and safety for those experiencing violence but only if they are consistently applied, if breaches to those orders are documented, investigated and responded to and that the views and wishes of a victim-survivor is a considering factor in the issuing of a FVSN.

Failure to implement these amendments in trauma informed ways will only increase systems harm and add to the risk victim-survivors navigate daily.

We encourage due consideration be provided to the implementation of all amendments to ensure the system is not replicating the existing frameworks which are inconsistently applied across the community.

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DVCS would also strongly encourage consideration be given to the prioritisation of additional amendment to the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991 section 79D (General immunity for protected confidences) to ensure that communications with specialist domestic and family violence crisis services like DVCS are covered by the scope of the provisions as outlined in our submission. This will support safety outcomes for victim- survivors in seeking support in response to family, domestic and sexual violence.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

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Signature:

Date:02/04/2026

Answering Entity