

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — COERCIVE CONTROL

605. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:

I refer to the astounding reports of coercive control and threatening behaviour from perpetrators who continue their family and domestic violence and abuse while incarcerated. When will the government put in place legislation to criminalise coercive control to achieve the best outcomes for victim-survivors like Peta Robinson?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

We recently set up a taskforce to continue to advise us on what more we can do to eliminate family and domestic violence. That work will come on top of the \$200 million we have already invested since 2017. In addition to the great work by both the current and previous Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence, we have brought into being a range of laws and policies to protect victims of family and domestic violence—and we will do more. We have already done more than the previous Liberal–National government did in its eight and a half years in office. But we hold much higher ambitions for the protection of victims of family and domestic violence. Through this taskforce, we will continue to be informed about what else we can do. Of course, the most important things we can do is to listen to not just the experts, advocates or those working on the frontline, but also the victims themselves. We will set up the advisory panel with those who have lived experience of family and domestic violence to make sure that we continue to listen to victims' stories and allow those stories to inform us on what more we can do in the prevention of family and domestic violence. I am very proud of the record to date. We will continue to do more and invest more, and we will continue to support this sector.