

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — REHABILITATION

**582. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:**

Recent academic research suggests that prison sentencing is important for keeping families safe from violent and controlling men. It is equally important that domestic violence perpetrators are rehabilitated once in prisons.

- (1) Can the minister advise how many men, classified as recidivist domestic violence offenders in prison, have successfully completed a behavioural change management program in the last 12 months?
- (2) Can the minister advise when the so-called behaviour management orders are going to be introduced?
- (3) Does the government have any plans to form a dedicated unit to make these applications a priority so that these men can avoid entering the justice system?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I am sorry that I do not have that question in my file. I did see a version of that question but it was addressed to no minister and had no name at the top of it. It is clear that we are having problems today, because Hon Charles Smith is the fourth member to have lodged a question to which we do not have answers in our files. All I can do is apologise to the house. I am not sure what has happened, but I trust someone is listening and I will get some advice on what the problem is. If I cannot get the answers, I hope that at least I am able to give the house an explanation, whoever is listening, before the end of question time.