

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — REVIEW OF LAWS

633. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Attorney General:

I refer to the campaign to review the laws relating to domestic violence to ensure that there is adequate recognition of a history of family and domestic violence in cases involving the violent deaths of women at the hands of partners. Will the Attorney General commit to do that?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I thank the member for the question. I presume that the honourable member is referring to the report that was delivered by the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs.

Hon Sue Ellery: I had actually written the question before the report came down today, but that has now happened.

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN: I am aware that there has been disquiet in the community about both prosecution and sentencing of a variety of offenders who have committed offences of domestic violence that have resulted in the deaths of their partners. I share that concern and I will continue to have the relevant laws under review. I am taking advice on the committee report that was delivered this morning, which focuses on one particular petition on that subject.