

**FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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**HON SANDRA CARR (Agricultural)** [5.41 pm]: I rise to make a couple of comments about things that I did not get to include in my contribution to debate on the motion earlier today. I simply ran out of time, but there is so much information I would have liked to share. I mentioned in my contribution that so far this year, 10 women had died as a result of family and domestic violence in our community, and there is potentially another one to be counted before we have hit the end of February, which is tragic.

I was contemplating that throughout the day and thinking about it being International Women's Day on 8 March, before we sit again. My horror was compounded by the comments made by Pauline Hanson about what she calls violence restraining orders; here they are called apprehended violence orders. I feel absolute horror hearing her comments, which diminish the seriousness of all forms of family and domestic violence and violence against women and children. I had to read it a number of times to see whether I was reading it accurately—to see whether that was something that a woman in our community could actually say. She did.

My colleague Hon Darren West was talking about Taylor Swift a while ago, and there is a line that Taylor Swift has uttered in the media at times: there is a special place in hell for women who do not support other women. As Hon Darren West was speaking, it just reminded me of that line from Taylor Swift. The consequences of saying something like that are not just that people's feelings are hurt or that I feel a bit of horror and disgust as I sit here; they are also that violence continues, that women continue to die, and that the people who are doing those things, who breach AVOs, continue to think that that is okay. It endorses that, it enables it, it allows it, and you, Pauline Hanson, are part of the problem.

*House adjourned at 5.44 pm*

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