

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

890. Dr A.D. BUTI to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the minister's answer in June 2014 that what constitutes family and domestic relationships for reporting purposes was amended in December 2013 to exclude violence between more distant family members, including assaults between adult siblings, distant cousins and relatives. Why did the minister mislead Parliament last Thursday when she said —

... we actually expanded the remit of domestic violence to include family members who are not necessarily intimate ... partners ...

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We are also capturing other familial relationships; for example, cousin versus cousin and brother versus brother.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for Armadale for the question. My intention, obviously, was never to mislead Parliament. We did expand the remit, and then we changed it.