

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS — DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

94. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:

I have a supplementary question. Has the minister raised the potential danger of increased family and domestic violence when the government made its decision to lift the ban on cage fighting?

Ms S.F. McGURK replied:

I spoke last week in this chamber about the Labor government signing with Our Watch. We will work with the whole community, including sporting groups. I think it is an important opportunity for us to drive a message about the prevention of family violence and violence in general. The reality of mixed martial arts fighting is that it is occurring in our community. The decision to allow cage fighting in this state will, hopefully, make that sport safer for participants.