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Ms Lyn Beverly
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
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Dear Ms Beverly,

Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Inquiry into domestic violence in Australia

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has conducted a significant amount of research of relevance to the domestic violence inquiry. This research includes large scalequantitative studies of separated families and studies of service system responses to family violence.

The Institute’s most recent work in this area is listed below, as are the main relevant reports (web links to these reports are provided). In addition, we wish to draw the Committee’s attention to two recently completed reports on family violence prevention: one focuses on initiatives for children aged 0-8 and the other focuses on at-risk groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and women with disability. These reports were commissioned by the NSW Department of Family and Community Services and inquiries about these reports should be directed to:

Ms Christine Foran
A/Executive Director, Women NSW
Department of Family and Community Services
The citations for the reports are:


The prevalence and impact of family violence among separated parents has been a focus of the Institute’s family law and family violence research program. Two reports based on large-scale quantitative samples of separated parents provide insight into prevalence and impact of family violence over the short and longer term. These are:

  
  Part 1:  

  Part 2:  


Research examining various aspects of service system responses, including in the family law system, are contained in the following reports and publications:


Relevant publications synthesising current literature on intimate partner sexual violence have been produced by the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (ACSSA). These include:


The Resource Sheet aims to provide current information to those working in health care settings about how to approach the discussion of intimate partner sexual violence with their female clients and patients.

I trust this information assists.

Yours sincerely

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Director