



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Senator Jonathon Duniam
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**Clarification of an answer to 2016-17 Additional Estimates Hearing on
2 March 2017.**

I am writing to clarify an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Social Services in relation to Outcome 2.

In answering a question from Senator Leyonhjelm regarding Australian data on the prevalence of violence. I said:

In terms of comparison of both victim and perpetrator rates amongst men and women, the victims and offenders data of the ABS, which is drawn from police data, indicates that on average women were two to five times more likely to be the victims of family and domestic assault than men, so 64 per cent of total female family and domestic violence assault victims were women and 33 per cent were men—

However, I should have said:

...64 per cent of total female family and domestic violence assault victims were women and 33 per cent were men in New South Wales—

Yours sincerely

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