

Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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Issuing AVOs on the spot should not be done until ALL frontline employees especially Police completed domestic violence and trauma informed training. This is to ensure they understand the situation for example, understanding what defensive wounds are like nail marks is NOT abuse it IS defensive. If a female is emotional, crying, yelling, understanding what got her to this point, not just what happened today but what happened last night or the night before or week before. They need to fully understand how this type of violence manifests behaviour so that not one victim is misidentified. If a victim is misidentified issued an avo and sent back home to their violent partners you are risking their lives, their mental health and possibly their families as well. It is in fact more dangerous to send them home with an avo because now their partners know they want to leave and the situation becomes even more volatile. Asking the victim to show physical bruises is absolutely misinformed and think about it if there are 4 cops in your home asking you to show them physical evidence in condescending tones and with your abusive partner sitting there, do you really expect this victim to strip down and show you? Furthermore, questions like 'what languages do you speak at home' or 'where were you born' have no place in responding to domestic violence calls to the police so this training will also hopefully include cultural sensitivity training as well.