

3706 (2006). Simon Power to the Minister of Police (10 April 2006):

For each year over the past ten years, how many arrests were related to domestic violence incidents?

Hon Annette King (Minister of Police) replied: Hon Annette King (Minister of Police) replies:

I am advised that the number of recorded family violence occurrences that were resulted as an arrest, for calendar years ending 31 December from 1996 to 2005, are shown in the attached table.

The member should note that these statistics for "Family Violence" represent the number of recorded occurrences which involved some degree of family violence, as determined by the attending officer. The term 'family violence' includes violence which is physical, emotional, psychological and sexual abuse, and includes intimidation or threats of violence. The term 'family' includes such people as parents, children, extended family members and whanau, or any other people involved in relationships. This definition applies irrespective of what type of offence or incident occurred.

It is likely that "Family Violence" related offending is significantly under-reported to Police. Also, changes in education and awareness may be impacting on the likelihood that these offences are reported. Therefore, inferences about trends in such offending should not be made from these statistics alone, as they may simply be reflecting changes in inclination to report offences.

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Recorded Family Violence Occurrences that resulted in an arrest for Calendar Years ending 31 December 1996 to 2005.

	Offences
1996	9,311
1997	9,774
1998	10,109
1999	10,106
2000	11,112
2001	11,654
2002	12,001
2003	14,346
2004	15,328
2005	18,305

13592 (2006). Kate Wilkinson to the Minister for Courts (28 Sep 2006): How many protection orders have been

granted in each of the District Courts in the last 12 months and how does this compare with each of the previous four years?

Hon Rick Barker (Minister for Courts) replied: Corrected reply: The attached tables show the numbers of final and temporary protection orders granted in each of the District Courts in the 12 months ending 31 August 2002 – 2006. Please note that figures for the periods ending 31 August 2002 and 2003 are based on manual records and subsequent periods are based on data extracted from the Ministry of Justice's Case Management System (CMS). An application for a protection order may result in a temporary and/or a final protection order. It is possible for a temporary order to be made that is not subsequently made into a final order and vice versa. I would advise the Member that she should not simply add these figures together to get a total number as this will cause double counting. The Member in QWA 13616 (2006) appears to be somewhat confused by her own questions and I refer to my final paragraph of that question should she have difficulty understanding the information she is seeking in her questions.