

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

**Question No. SBE15/069**

**Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:**

1. Has the Family Court of Australia made any submissions to the Attorney-General or his Department in relation to proposals to prevent perpetrators of domestic violence from cross-examining their former partners?

If so-

a. Can a copy of that advice please be provided to the Senate?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia:

- a. has provided the Department with the FCoA's submission to the Victorian Royal Commission (**Attachment A**).
- b. has provided the Department with a letter to Cathy McGowan MP of 19 October 2015 with a meeting scheduled for 14 December to discuss the issues and explore possible solutions (**Attachment B**).
- c. met with officers of the Department on 27 November to discuss the issues and canvass potential solutions.