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From: Lord-Brennan, Kate (MLC)
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For the Committee. Tamasin is referring to Police Trainer John Trott's comments.

Best wishes,
Kate

From: Tamasin Wedgwood
Sent: 05 February 2020 09:23
To: Lord-Brennan, Kate (MLC)
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Yes, I have no issues with having a separate Stalking & Harassment Bill too, but see no reason why that means stalking should not also be included within the DA Bill. John was very clear that omitting stalking stops police and Courts seeing the full picture or understanding coercive control. (Ie it splits DA into a series of "incidents" none of which in themselves appear as serious as they are when seen as part of an ongoing pattern and course of conduct). And it also tends to result in it being seen as a less serious offence. (I forget the figures, but he said a very high proportion of English case reviews showed that perpetrators were being charged with the lesser offence of harassment when in fact the offence was clearly stalking and should have been prosecuted as such.) And of course it enables the continuing misapprehension that DA occurs "within" the "relationship" and stalking is by a stranger. It then means the risk after leaving a relationship is not seen or understood.

John was really emphatic on this and I know he stressed it in his comments on the original draft Bill.

Did you see the news about the new research and model of 8 step pattern of escalation for DA, with stalking included as high indicator of likely death? (I think it's 8! Anyway I have info on that too, went to a presentation on it)

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Sincerely,

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