

Statement

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STATEMENT FROM THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

In Victoria, victim-survivors of family violence deserve to be heard, respected and protected by the legal system.

They are brave, and when they report abuse they rightly expect the system to protect them.

In response to a technical printing error by Court Services Victoria, the Victorian Government is introducing the *Family Violence Protection Amendment Bill 2025* to Parliament tomorrow.

The printing error impacts copies of family violence intervention orders made in the Magistrates and Children's Courts between 15 November 2024 and 5 March 2025 for service on respondents, which meant printed copies of the orders did not include the complete wording of the Court's orders.

The orders made during this period are valid and I've had confirmation from my Department and Victoria Police that the error has not affected anyone's safety to date.

The Victorian Government is acting out of an abundance of caution to make sure that respondents continue to comply with those orders, and that perpetrators are held to account.

My focus is ensuring that an error like this is never repeated and stamping out the unacceptable failures that allowed it to occur.

All options are on the table to ensure this never happens again.