WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS BY DEPUTY M.B. ANDREWS OF ST HELIER NORTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24th MARCH 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 31st MARCH 2025

Question

"Will the Minister state the number of women and men who have reported domestic sexual abuse within each of the last five years, and of these cases, how many investigations resulted in prosecutions, and how many prosecutions resulted in convictions?"

Answer

Domestic sexual offences account for approx. one fifth of all sexual offences. These figures would suggest it is under-reported.

It is crucial to consider the wider context of any offences reported by victims of domestic abuse and ensure any other relevant potential investigations/charges are considered.

This has become possible since the introduction of the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 as sexual offences can now be seen in the context of coercive controlling behaviour.

Most incidents/offences reported to the police are not isolated and it is well documented that domestic abuse in all its forms usually escalates over time.

Domestic Sexual Offences Recorded:

- Between 2020 and 2024, there are more female victims of domestic sexual offences (126 offences in total), compared to men (11 offences in total).
- There were 15 female victim offences in 2020, which increased to 18 in 2021. 2022 and 2023 then saw 30 recorded, reducing slightly to 28 in 2024.
- For each year between 2020 and 2024 between 1 and 3 offences were recorded with a male victim.
- The highest volume domestic sexual offence recorded is rape of a female, accounting for 89 of the 137 (combined male and female total).

Domestic sexual offences - recorded, counted crime								
Sex of victim	202	20	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Male Total	<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	11
Female Total	15		18	30	30	28	5	126
Grand Total	16		20	33	31	30	7	137

Prosecutions – Charged to Court:

• The overall charge rate for domestic sexual offences is 15% (both male and female victims). The charge rate for female victims is also 15%.

- For male victims, 1 of the 11 crimes recorded have been charged.
- 13 of the 89 (15%) rape of a female crimes have been charged.

PROSECUTIONS (CHARGED TO COURT)								
SEX OF VICTIM		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL
MALE TOTAL			<5					1
FEMALE TOTAL		<5	<5	8	5	<5		19
GRAND TOTAL		<5	<5	8	5	<5		20

Convictions at Court (Judicial Sanction):

- 7 of the 137 total domestic sexual offences received a judicial sanction at court amounting to 5% of reported crimes.
- 4 of the 89 rape of a female crimes received a judicial sanction which is 4%
- No male victims' offences received a judicial sanction all 7 offences were female victims.

Convictions at Court									
Sex of victim	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total		
Female Total	2	1	3	1			7		