

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise which recommendations, if any, of the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) report she plans to accept; and advise the order of priority for their implementation?”

Answer

I am still considering the some of the report’s detailed recommendations, but I certainly support and will prioritise recommendations to strengthen our legislation around violence against women and girls and improve data collection. These include:

- Pursuing the ratification of the Istanbul Convention (recommendation 1)
- The development of a stalking offence (recommendation 26)
- The introduction of a non-fatal strangulation offence and emergency barring orders (recommendations 24 and 25)
- Strengthening our legislation around online and technology-facilitated abuse (recommendation 11)
- Strengthening legislation to combat sexual harassment in public spaces (recommendation 8)
- The development of a centralised dataset on violence against women and girls (recommendation 3)

I will publish a response setting out my position on the recommendations in March 2024.