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Dear Mr Andresen

Thank you for your email of 11 May 2023 regarding intimate partner violence data to the Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher. I am replying on the Minister's behalf.

The data on the prevalence of intimate partner violence in Chart 2.1 of the 2023-24 Women's Budget Statement was drawn from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Personal Safety Survey (PSS). You may wish to read more about the survey here:
www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/crime-and-justice/personal-safety-australia/latest-release.

The figures on intimate partner violence were used to show changes in the prevalence of violence over time. The 2021-22 data on the prevalence of intimate partner violence for men does have a high relative error, which means that comparing the 2021-22 data with previous waves of the survey cannot be done with confidence. I note that data for the proportion of men who have experienced intimate partner violence in the 2016, 2012 and 2005 surveys *do not* have a high relative standard error. The data for intimate partner violence against women was included because the comparisons are reliable overtime.

The table below shows data on the prevalence of intimate partner violence from the PSS.

		2005	2012	2016	2021-22
Proportion who experienced violence by an intimate partner during the last 12 months	Females	2.3%	2.1%	2.3%	1.5%
	Males	0.8%	0.9%	1.3%	0.6%*

*estimate has a high relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution.
Source: Data downloads table 3.1. ABS, Personal Safety Survey

Evidence shows that women make up the overwhelming majority of victims of family, domestic and sexual violence and that most gender-based violence is perpetrated by men. Men can also experience family, domestic and sexual violence.

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The Government is committed to ending family, domestic and sexual violence through the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032* (National Plan). The National Plan provides a framework to guide governments, policy makers, businesses and family, domestic and sexual violence organisations to prevent and respond to gender-based violence in Australia.

Thank you again for writing. I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RW', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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30 June 2023