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**Re: Freedom of Information Act application**

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*, access was sought to:

*“1. All training documents regarding reviewing SAPOL training on domestic violence to ensure that the fact men can be and are victims of domestic violence is included. Since 24/05/2017. 2. Please also provide me with training documents that include that men can be and are victims of domestic violence. Since 24/05/2017.”*

Enquiries have been made with SAPOL’s Family & Domestic Violence Policy & Training Unit regarding your request. It is agreed to **release this information in full.**

The following paragraphs of text are included in the domestic violence training presented to police cadets. This paragraph is taken from the Commissioner’s foreword in the expired ‘*Domestic Violence Strategy 2017-2022*’.

*We acknowledge the gendered nature of domestic violence. Research and statistics show it is an abuse of power perpetrated predominantly (although not exclusively) by men against women. As a policing service, our response to victims of domestic violence should always be fair, respectful and professional, irrespective of a victim’s age, culture, religion or gender.*

*It is important to acknowledge here the gendered nature of domestic abuse – that is, domestic abuse has an unequal impact on women being largely the victims of such offending. The content of subsequent sessions may depict women as victims and men as offenders. This accurately reflects the over-representation of women as victims of domestic abuse. This does not mean that men or others cannot be victims. The legislation applies equally to all.*



The Family & Domestic Violence Policy & Training Unit further advised the above sentiment is also reflected in the Domestic Violence Investigator Course.

**Disclosure Log**

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log.

A copy of PC045 can be found at:

[https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf).

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **17 June 2024**.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senior Sergeant Kelly Johnson  
**Freedom of Information Unit**  
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

17 May 2024