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Penalties

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$150 for an individual and \$750 for a corporation (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133).



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An Act relating to domestic violence, and for other purposes

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986*.

2 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this Act, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined elsewhere.

For example the signpost definitions '*domestic violence*—see the *Domestic Violence and Protection Orders Act 2008*, s 13 (1).' means that the term 'domestic violence' is defined in that subsection of that Act and the definition applies to this Act.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 155 and s 156 (1)).

3 Notes

A note included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.

Note See *Legislation Act 2001*, s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

Part 2 Domestic Violence Prevention Council

4 Establishment of council

The Domestic Violence Prevention Council is established.

5 Objective and functions

- (1) The objective of the council is to reduce the incidence of domestic violence offences.
- (2) The functions of the council are—
 - (a) to promote collaboration among government agencies and non-government organisations involved in—
 - (i) law enforcement; or
 - (ii) the provision of health, education, crisis or welfare services to victims or perpetrators of domestic violence or otherwise relating to the incidence or prevention of domestic violence; and
 - (b) to assist and encourage the agencies and organisations referred to in paragraph (a) to promote projects and programs aimed at enhancing the safety and security of victims of domestic violence offences, with particular regard to children; and
 - (c) to advise the Minister on any matter relating to domestic violence; and
 - (d) to inquire into and provide advice to the Minister on matters relating to domestic violence that have been referred to the council by the Minister; and
 - (e) to establish and maintain links with and among government agencies and non-government organisations concerned with domestic violence; and

- (f) to assist government agencies and non-government organisations to develop procedures for the collection, standardisation and sharing of statistical information relating to domestic violence offences; and
- (g) to collect statistical and other information relating to domestic violence offences; and
- (h) to prepare and submit to the Minister a plan for dealing with domestic violence in the community, including recommendations on—
 - (i) any changes in the law or its administration that may be necessary; and
 - (ii) improving the effectiveness of the provision of assistance to victims of domestic violence offences; and
 - (iii) the prevention of the occurrence of domestic violence offences; and
 - (iv) developing systems for monitoring the effectiveness of any programs recommended in the plan that are implemented; and
- (i) to monitor developments within and outside Australia of legislation, policy and community views on domestic violence and the provision of health and welfare services to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence offences; and
- (j) to give directions to the coordinator.

Note A provision of a law that gives an entity a function also gives the entity powers necessary and convenient to exercise the function (see [Legislation Act](#), s 196 and dict, pt 1, def of *entity*).

6 Membership of council

- (1) The council consists of—
 - (a) the coordinator; and

- (b) 12 other members (each of whom is an *appointed member*) appointed by the Minister.

Note 1 For the making of appointments (including acting appointments), see the [Legislation Act](#), pt 19.3.

Note 2 In particular, a person may be appointed for a particular provision of a law (see [Legislation Act](#), s 7 (3)) and an appointment may be made by naming a person or nominating the occupant of a position (see [Legislation Act](#) s 207).

Note 3 Certain Ministerial appointments require consultation with a Legislative Assembly committee and are disallowable (see [Legislation Act](#), div 19.3.3).

- (2) The appointed members must consist of—

- (a) at least 6 people as community members, including—

- (i) at least 1 person who the Minister considers is capable of representing the views and interests of people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands descent; and
- (ii) at least 1 person who the Minister considers is capable of representing the views and interests of people of non-English speaking background; and
- (iii) at least 1 representative of the Domestic Violence Crisis Service Incorporated; and

- (b) other people who are—

- (i) statutory office holders; or
- (ii) public servants; or
- (iii) police officers.

- (3) The instrument making or evidencing the appointment of a person as an appointed member must state the capacity in which the person is appointed.

- (4) The Minister may appoint a person to the council as a community member only if the Minister considers that the person is familiar with the views and interests of the community on matters relating to domestic violence and is capable of representing those views and interests.
- (5) The Minister may appoint a statutory office holder to the council only if satisfied that the exercise of the functions of the office requires its holder to have experience and expertise that would assist the council to exercise its functions.
- (6) The Minister may appoint a public servant or police officer to the council only if—
 - (a) the person has a position the functions of which involve dealing with matters that are relevant to a function of the council; and
 - (b) the Minister considers that the person has the experience and expertise that would assist the council to exercise its functions.

6A Chairperson of council

The Minister must appoint an appointed member as chairperson of the council.

Note For the making of appointments (including acting appointments), see the [Legislation Act](#), pt 19.3.

7 Appointed members' term

An appointed member must not be appointed for more than 3 years.

Note A person may be reappointed to a position if the person is eligible to be appointed to the position (see [Legislation Act](#), s 208 and dict, pt 1, def of *appoint*).

8 Ending of appointed member appointments

- (1) A person appointed as a member because the person is a statutory office holder stops being a member if the person stops being the statutory office holder.
- (2) A person appointed as a member because the person is a public servant or police officer stops being a member if the person ceases to occupy the office mentioned in section 6 (6) (a).
- (3) The Minister must end the appointment of an appointed member—
 - (a) for misbehaviour; or
 - (b) for physical or mental incapacity; or
 - (c) if the member becomes bankrupt or personally insolvent; or

Note **Bankrupt or personally insolvent**—see the [Legislation Act](#), dictionary, pt 1.

- (d) if the member is absent, without the permission of the chairperson, from—
 - (i) 3 consecutive meetings of the council; or
 - (ii) 4 out of 6 consecutive meetings of the council; or
- (e) if the member is convicted, in the ACT, of an offence punishable by imprisonment for at least 1 year; or
- (f) if the member is convicted outside the ACT, in Australia or elsewhere, of an offence that, if it had been committed in the ACT, would have been punishable by imprisonment for at least 1 year.

Note A person's appointment also ends if the person resigns (see [Legislation Act](#), s 210).

9 Meetings of council

- (1) The chairperson shall call a meeting of the council—
 - (a) whenever he or she deems it necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the council; or
 - (b) on receipt of a written request by the Minister; or
 - (c) on receipt of a written request signed by not less than 3 other members of the council; or
 - (d) whenever necessary to ensure that subsection (2) is complied with.
- (2) The council shall hold a meeting at least once in any period of 3 months.
- (3) The council shall hold a meeting in accordance with any resolution of the council.

10 Procedure at meetings

- (1) The chairperson shall preside at all meetings at which he or she is present.
- (2) If the chairperson is not present at a meeting or part of a meeting, the members present shall elect 1 of their number to preside at the meeting or part.
- (3) At a meeting of the council a quorum shall consist of the majority of members for the time being.
- (4) Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes of members present and voting.
- (5) The council shall keep written minutes of its proceedings.
- (6) Subject to this Act, the procedures of the council shall be as the council determines.

Part 3 Office of Domestic Violence Project Coordinator

11 Domestic violence project coordinator

The victims of crime commissioner is the domestic violence project coordinator (the *coordinator*).

Note The victims of crime commissioner is a member of the human rights commission appointed under the *Human Rights Commission Act 2005*, s 18D.

12 Functions

The coordinator has the following functions in relation to domestic violence:

- (a) to monitor and promote compliance with the policies of the ACT and Commonwealth governments;
- (b) to assist government agencies and non-government organisations involved in—
 - (i) law enforcement; or
 - (ii) the provision of health, education, crisis or welfare services to victims or perpetrators of domestic violence or otherwise relating to the incidence or prevention of domestic violence;
- to provide services of the highest standard;
- (c) to assist and encourage the agencies and organisations referred to in paragraph (b) to provide appropriate educational programs;
- (d) to facilitate cooperation among the agencies and organisations referred to in paragraph (b);
- (e) to assist in the development and implementation of policies and programs as directed by the council;

- (f) to carry out any other functions the council directs.

Note A provision of a law that gives an entity (including a person) a function also gives the entity powers necessary and convenient to exercise the function (see [Legislation Act](#), s 196 and dict, pt 1, def of *entity*).

13 Term and conditions of office

The coordinator must be appointed—

- (a) for a term not longer than 3 years; and
- (b) on terms and conditions stated in the instrument of appointment unless otherwise provided for in this Act or another territory law.

Note A person may be reappointed to a position if the person is eligible to be appointed to the position (see [Legislation Act](#), s 208 and dict, pt 1, def of appoint).

14 Termination of appointment

The Minister may terminate the appointment of the coordinator—

- (a) for misbehaviour or physical or mental incapacity; or
- (b) in accordance with the instrument of appointment.

Note A person's appointment also ends if the person resigns (see [Legislation Act](#), s 210).

16 Protection of coordinators etc from liability

- (1) The coordinator, or a person acting under the direction of the coordinator, is not personally liable for anything done, or omitted to be done honestly and without recklessness—
- (a) in the exercise of a function under this Act or another law; or
- (b) in the reasonable belief that the act was in the exercise of a function under this Act or another law.

- (2) Any liability that would, apart from this section attach to the coordinator, or a person acting under the direction of the coordinator, attaches instead to the Territory.

Part 4 Miscellaneous

17 Approval of crisis support organisations

- (1) The Minister may approve an organisation to be a crisis support organisation for this Act.
- (2) An approval is a disallowable instrument.

Note A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the [Legislation Act 2001](#).

18 Disclosure of information to an approved crisis support organisation

If a police officer or a staff member of the Australian Federal Police suspects on reasonable grounds that a domestic violence offence has been, is being or is likely to be committed in relation to a person, a police officer or staff member may disclose to an approved crisis support organisation any information that is likely to aid the organisation in rendering assistance to the person or to any children of the person.

Dictionary

(see s 3)

Note 1 The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.

Note 2 For example, the [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1 defines the following terms:

- bankrupt or personally insolvent
- police officer
- public servant
- statutory office-holder
- territory law.

appointed member—see section 6 (1).

approved crisis support organisation means an organisation approved under section 17.

child, of a person, includes—

- (a) a child who normally lives with the person; and
- (b) a child for whom the person is a guardian.

coordinator—see section 11.

Note The victims of crime commissioner is the coordinator.

council means the Domestic Violence Prevention Council established by section 4.

domestic violence—see the [Domestic Violence and Protection Orders Act 2008](#), section 13 (1).

domestic violence offence—an offence is a ***domestic violence offence*** if the conduct making up the offence is domestic violence under the [Domestic Violence and Protection Orders Act 2008](#).

member means a member of the council.

Endnotes

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Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

A = Act	NI = Notifiable instrument
AF = Approved form	o = order
am = amended	om = omitted/repealed
amdt = amendment	ord = ordinance
AR = Assembly resolution	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
CN = Commencement notice	pres = present
def = definition	prev = previous
DI = Disallowable instrument	(prev...) = previously
dict = dictionary	pt = part
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	r = rule/subrule
div = division	reloc = relocated
exp = expires/expired	renum = renumbered
Gaz = gazette	R[X] = Republication No
hdg = heading	RI = reissue
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	s = section/subsection
ins = inserted/added	sch = schedule
LA = Legislation Act 2001	sdiv = subdivision
LR = legislation register	SL = Subordinate law
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sub = substituted
mod = modified/modification	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

3 Legislation history

The *Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986* was originally the *Domestic Violence Ordinance 1986*. It became an ACT Act on self-government (11 May 1989) and was later renamed by the *Protection Orders (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001* (see amdt 1.41).

After 11 May 1989 and before 10 November 1999, Acts commenced on their notification day unless otherwise stated (see *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth) s 25).

Legislation before self-government

Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986 A1986-52

notified 4 September 1986

commenced 1 October 1986 (s 2 and Cwlth Gaz 1986 No S484)

as amended by

Drug Laws (Consequential Amendments) Ordinance 1989 Ord1989-14 s 3

notified 15 March 1989

commenced 1 April 1989 (s 2 and Cwlth Gaz 1989 No S109)

Self-Government (Consequential Amendments) Ordinance 1989 Ord1989-38 sch 1

notified 10 May 1989 (Cwlth Gaz 1989 No S160)

s 1, s 2 commenced 10 May 1989 (s 2 (1))

sch 1 commenced 11 May 1989 (s 2 (2) and see Cwlth Gaz 1989 No S164)

Legislation after self-government

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act 1990 A1990-30

notified 28 September 1990 ([Gaz 1990 No S67](#))

commenced 28 September 1990

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act (No 2) 1990 A1990-36

notified 7 November 1990 ([Gaz 1990 No S76](#))

commenced 7 November 1990

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Magistrates Court (Amendment) Act 1990 A1990-65 s 8

notified 24 December 1990 ([Gaz 1990 No S98](#))
commenced 24 December 1990

Weapons (Consequential Amendments) Act 1991 A1991-9 sch

notified 3 April 1991 ([Gaz 1991 No S19](#))
s 1, s 2 commenced 3 April 1991 (s 2 (1))
sch commenced 3 October 1991 (s 2 (2))

**Magistrates and Coroner's Courts (Registrar) Act 1991 A1991-44
sch 1**

notified 20 September 1991 ([Gaz 1991 No S95](#))
s 1, s 2 commenced 20 September 1991 (s 2 (1))
sch 1 commenced 25 September 1991 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1991
No S103](#))

Bail (Consequential Amendments) Act 1992 A1992-9 sch

notified 28 May 1992 ([Gaz 1992 No S59](#))
s 1, s 2 commenced 28 May 1992 (s 2 (1))
sch commenced 28 November 1992 (s 2 (3))

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act 1992 A1992-34

notified 8 July 1992 ([Gaz 1992 No S103](#))
commenced 8 July 1992

**Protection Orders (Reciprocal Arrangements) (Consequential
Amendments) Act 1992 A1992-37 pt 2 (ss 3-7)**

notified 8 July 1992 ([Gaz 1992 No S103](#))
ss 1-6 and 8-11 commenced 8 July 1992 (s 2 (1))
s 7, s 12 commenced 3 August 1992 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1992 No S130](#))

Statute Law Revision Act 1994 A1994-26 sch

notified 31 May 1994 ([Gaz 1994 No S93](#))
commenced 31 May 1994 (s 2)

Statute Law Revision (Penalties) Act 1994 A1994-81 sch

notified 29 November 1994 ([Gaz 1994 No S253](#))
s 1, s 2 commenced 29 November 1994 (s 2 (1))
sch commenced 29 November 1994 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1994 No S269](#))

Statute Law Revision Act 1995 A1995-46 sch

notified 18 December 1995 ([Gaz 1995 No S306](#))
commenced 18 December 1995 (s 2)

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act 1996 A1996-3

notified 12 March 1996 ([Gaz 1996 No S35](#))
ss 1-3 commenced 12 March 1996 (s 2 (1))
remainder commenced 11 June 1996 (s 2 (2)) and see Cwlth Gaz 1996 No GN5)

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act (No 2) 1996 A1996-37

notified 10 July 1996 ([Gaz 1996 No S160](#))
commenced 10 July 1996 (s 2)

Firearms Act 1996 A1996-74 sch 3

notified 20 December 1996 ([Gaz 1996 No S328](#))
s 1, s 2 commenced 20 December 1996 (s 2 (1))
sch 3 commenced 17 May 1997 (s 2 (2)) and [Gaz 1997 No S135](#))

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act 1997 A1997-24

notified 29 May 1997 ([Gaz 1997 No S136](#))
ss 1-3 commenced 29 May 1997 (s 2 (1))
remainder commenced 30 May 1997 (s 2 (2)) and see [Gaz 1997 No S149](#))

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act (No 2) 1997 A1997-37

notified 16 July 1997 ([Gaz 1997 No S185](#))
ss 1-3 commenced 16 July 1997 (s 2 (1))
remainder commenced 17 October 1997 (s 2 (2)) and [Gaz 1997 No S310](#))

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act (No 3) 1997 A1997-65

notified 9 October 1997 ([Gaz 1997 No S300](#))
ss 1-3 commenced 9 October 1997 (s 2 (1))
remainder commenced 1 November 1997 (s 2 (2)) and [Gaz 1997 No S332](#))

Legal Practitioners (Consequential Amendments) Act 1997 A1997-96 sch 1

notified 1 December 1997 ([Gaz 1997 No S380](#))
s 1, s 2 commenced 1 December 1997 (s 2 (1))
sch 1 commenced 1 June 1998 (s 2 (2))

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Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act 1998 A1998-37

notified 14 October 1998 ([Gaz 1998 No S41](#))
ss 1-3 commenced 14 October 1998 (s 2 (1))
remainder commenced 19 October 1998 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1998 No 41](#))

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act (No 2) 1998 A1998-68

notified 23 December 1998 ([Gaz 1998 No S212](#))
ss 1-3 commenced 23 December 1998 (s 2 (1))
remainder commenced 23 December 1998 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1998 No 51](#))

Children and Young People (Consequential Amendments) Act 1999 A1999-64 sch 2

notified 10 November 1999 ([Gaz 1999 No 45](#))
s 1, s 2 commenced 10 November 1999 (s 2 (1))
sch 2 commenced 10 May 2000 (s 2 (2))

Road Transport Legislation Amendment Act 1999 A1999-79 sch 3

notified 23 December 1999 ([Gaz 1999 No S65](#))
s 1, s 2 commenced 23 December 1999 (IA s 10B)
sch 3 commenced 1 March 2000 (s 2 and see [Gaz 2000 No S5](#))

Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 A2001-44 pt 109

notified 26 July 2001 ([Gaz 2001 No 30](#))
s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B)
pt 109 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and see [Gaz 2001 No S65](#))

Protection Orders (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 A2001-90 sch 1 pt 4

notified LR 27 September 2001
s 1, s 2 commenced 27 September 2001 (LA s 75)
sch 1 pt 4 commenced 27 March 2002 (s 2, see [Protection Orders Act 2001 s 3](#) and LA s 79)

Domestic Violence and Protection Orders Amendment Act 2005 A2005-13 sch 1 pt 1.7

notified LR 24 March 2005
s 1, s 2 commenced 24 March 2005 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.7 commenced 25 March 2005 (s 2)

Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2007**A2007-22 sch 1 pt 1.9**

notified LR 5 September 2007

s 1, s 2 commenced 5 September 2007 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.9 commenced 6 September 2007 (s 2)

Statute Law Amendment Act 2007 (No 3) A2007-39 sch 3 pt 3.10

notified LR 6 December 2007

s 1, s 2 commenced 6 December 2007 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 3 pt 3.10 commenced 27 December 2007 (s 2)

Domestic Violence and Protection Orders Act 2008 A2008-46 sch 3 pt 3.8

notified LR 10 September 2008

s 1, s 2 commenced 10 September 2008 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 3 pt 3.8 commenced 30 March 2009 (s 2)

Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2010 (No 2) A2010-30 sch 1 pt 1.8

notified LR 31 August 2010

s 1, s 2 commenced 31 August 2010 (LA s 75 (1))

s 3 commenced 1 September 2010 (s 2 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.8 commenced 28 September 2010 (s 2 (2))

Protection of Rights (Services) Legislation Amendment Act 2016**A2016-1 sch 1 pt 1.1**

notified LR 23 February 2016

s 1, s 2 commenced 23 February 2016 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.1 commenced 1 April 2016 (s 2)

4 Amendment history**Name of Act**

s 1 sub [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.41

Dictionary

s 2 orig s 2 om [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.1163
 (prev s 3) am [A1998-68](#) s 4
 sub [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
 renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
 am [A2005-13](#) amdt 1.30; [A2008-46](#) amdt 3.18
 def **aggrieved person** ins [A1990-30](#) s 3
 om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42

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- def **approved crisis support organisation** ins [A1992-34](#) s 3
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **authorised police officer** om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **child** sub [A1990-30](#) s 3
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **clerk** om [A1991-44](#) sch 1
- def **Community Advocate** ins [A1998-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **court** om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **Crimes Act** om R6 LRA
- def **de facto spouse** om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **domestic violence** ins [A1998-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **domestic violence offence** sub [A1990-30](#) s 3; [A1997-24](#)
s 4; [A1998-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **drug** am [A1989-14](#) s 3; [A1994-26](#) sch
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **emergency protection order** ins [A1998-68](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **extension request** ins [A1997-65](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **household member** ins [A1990-30](#) s 3
om [A1998-37](#) s 4
- def **interim protection order** om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **judicial officer** ins [A1998-68](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **legal practitioner** om [A1997-96](#) sch
- def **MC (CJ) Act** ins [A1998-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **original order** ins [A1997-65](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **prescribed offence** am [A1990-30](#) s 3
om [A1997-24](#) s 4
- def **protection order** am [A1998-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **registrar** ins [A1991-44](#) sch 1
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **relative** ins [A1990-30](#) s 3
am [A1992-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **relevant family contact order** ins [A1996-3](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **relevant period** ins [A1997-65](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
- def **relevant person** ins [A1998-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42

def **respondent** am [A1998-68](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
def **sitting hours of the Court** ins [A1998-68](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
def **spouse** om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42
def **vary** ins [A1992-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.42

Notes

s 3 orig s 3 renum as s 2
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renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)

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pt 2 hdg orig pt 2 hdg om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
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Emergency protection orders

pt 2A hdg ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Establishment of council

s 4 orig s 4 renum as s 3
(prev s 21) om [A1992-9](#) sch
ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
sub [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.24

Nature of domestic violence

s 4A ins [A1998-37](#) s 5
am [A1999-79](#) sch 3
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Objective and functions

s 5 orig s 5 am [A1990-30](#) s 5
sub [A1998-37](#) s 5
am [A1999-64](#) sch 2
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 22) om [A1992-9](#) sch
ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
am [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.25

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Membership of council

s 6 orig s 6 am [A1991-44](#) sch 1
sub [A1998-37](#) s 5
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 23) om [A1992-9](#) sch
ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
am [A2001-90](#) amdts 1.45-1.47
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
sub [A2007-22](#) amdt 1.28

Chairperson of council

s 6A ins [A2007-22](#) amdt 1.28

Appointed members' term

s 7 orig s 7 am [A1990-30](#) sch; [A1991-44](#); [A1998-37](#) s 6; [A1999-64](#)
sch 2
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 24) am [Ord1989-38](#) sch 1
om [A1992-9](#) sch
ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
sub [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.48
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
sub [A2007-22](#) amdt 1.28

Representation of children

s 7A ins [A1990-30](#) s 6
am [A1998-37](#) s 7
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Ending of appointed member appointments

s 8 orig s 8 am [A1995-46](#) sch; [A1998-37](#) sch
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 25A) ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
sub [A2007-22](#) amdt 1.28
am [A2010-30](#) amdt 1.25

Court to be informed of relevant contact orders

s 8A ins [A1996-3](#) s 5
am [A1998-37](#) s 8
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Evidence

s 8B ins [A1998-37](#) s 9
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Meetings of Council

s 9 orig s 9 am [A1990-30](#) sch; [A1998-37](#) s 10
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 26) am [A1990-30](#) sch
om [A1992-9](#) sch
ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)

Procedure at meetings

s 10 orig s 10 am [A1990-30](#) sch; [A1996-3](#) s 6; [A1997-65](#) s 6;
[A1998-37](#) s 11
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 26A) ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)

Office of Domestic Violence Project Coordinator

pt 3 hdg orig pt 3 hdg renum as pt 2 hdg
(prev pt 3A hdg) ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)

Consent orders

s 10A ins [A1990-30](#) s 8
am [A1998-37](#) s 12
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Domestic violence project coordinator

s 11 orig s 11 am [A1990-30](#) s 9
sub [A1998-37](#) s 13
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 26C) ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
sub [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.26; [A2016-1](#) amdt 1.1

Functions

s 12 orig s 12 am [A1990-30](#) sch; [A1991-44](#) sch 1; [A1998-37](#) s 14;
[A2001-44](#) amdt 1.1164
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 26D) ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
am [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.27

Term and conditions of office

s 13 orig s 13 am [A1998-37](#) s 15
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 26F) ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
am [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.51, amdt 1.52
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
sub [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.28

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Termination of appointment

s 14 orig s 14 am [A1990-30](#) sch; [A1996-3](#) s 7; [A1998-37](#) s 16
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 26H) ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
am [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.29

Protection orders, interim protection orders—firearms

s 14A ins [A1990-36](#) s 3
am [A1990-65](#) s 8; [A1991-9](#) sch; [A1996-74](#) sch 3; [A1997-24](#) s
5
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Acting coordinator

s 15 orig s 15 am [A1990-30](#) s 10; [A1992-37](#) s 5; [A1998-37](#) s 17,
sch
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 26I) ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
sub [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.54
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
om [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.30

Protection of coordinators etc from liability

s 16 (prev s 26J) ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
sub [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.31

Approval of crisis support organisations

s 17 orig s 17 am [A1997-65](#) s 7; [A1998-37](#) s 18
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43
(prev s 33) ins [A1992-34](#) s 4
am [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.1172, amdt 1.1173
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)
am [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.32

Application for extension of order

s 17A ins [A1997-65](#) s 8
am [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.1165, amdt 1.1166
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Court action on extension request

s 17B ins [A1997-65](#) s 8
am [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.1167
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Application for cancellation of extended order

s 17C ins [A1997-65](#) s 8
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Disclosure of information to an approved crisis support organisation

s 18 orig s 18 am [A1991-44](#) sch 1; [A1996-3](#) s 8
om [A1998-37](#) s 19
(prev s 34) ins [A1992-34](#) s 4
renum R7 LA (see [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.58)

Service etc of order

s 19 am [A1990-36](#) s 4; [A1991-9](#) sch; [A1991-44](#) sch 1; [A1996-74](#)
sch 3; [A2001-44](#) amds 1.1168-1.1170
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Practice directions

s 19A ins [A1998-37](#) s 20
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Limitation on powers of Registrar

s 19B ins [A1998-37](#) s 20
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Application not invalid only because made under wrong Act

s 19C ins [A1998-37](#) s 20
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Offence

s 19D ins [A1998-37](#) s 20
am [A1998-68](#) s 5
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Recovery of certain expenses

s 19E ins [A1998-37](#) s 20
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Emergency protection orders

s 19F ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Recording of reasons when no emergency protection order is applied for

s 19G ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Duration of emergency protection orders

s 19H ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Procedure for obtaining an emergency protection order

s 19I ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
am [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.1171
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Detention of person against whom an order is sought

s 19J ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

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Serving an emergency protection order

s 19K ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Revoking or varying an emergency protection order

s 19L ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Effect of orders on licences for firearms

s 19M ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Authorisation of judicial officers

s 19N ins [A1998-68](#) s 6
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.43

Interpretation

s 20 sub [A1990-30](#) s 11
om [A1992-9](#) sch
ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.44

Establishment

s 21 renum as s 4

Objective and functions

s 22 renum as s 5

Membership

s 23 renum as s 6

Terms of appointment

s 24 renum as s 7

Resignation

s 25 om [A1992-9](#) sch
ins [A1997-37](#) s 4
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.48

Termination of appointment

s 25A renum as s 8

Meetings of Council

s 26 renum as s 9

Procedure at meetings

s 26A renum as s 10

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s 26B	ins A1997-37 s 4 om A2001-90 amdt 1.49
Appointment	
s 26C	renum as s 11
Functions	
s 26D	renum as s 12
Powers	
s 26E	ins A1997-37 s 4 om A2001-90 amdt 1.50
Terms of office	
s 26F	renum as s 13
Resignation	
s 26G	ins A1997-37 s 4 om A2001-90 amdt 1.53
Termination of appointment	
s 26H	renum as s 14
Acting coordinator	
s 26I	renum as s 15
Legal immunity	
s 26J	renum as s 16
Offence	
s 27	am A1992-37 s 6; A1994-81 sch; A1996-37 s 4 om A1998-37 s 21
Service other than personal service	
s 28	om A2001-90 amdt 1.55
Service of documents by police	
s 29	am A1991-44 sch 1 om A2001-90 amdt 1.55
Restriction on publication of reports of proceedings	
s 30	am Ord1989-38 sch 1; A1994-81 sch; A1998-37 s 22 om A2001-90 amdt 1.55
Limits of restriction on publication	
s 30A	ins A1990-30 s 12 sub A1996-3 s 9; A1998-37 s 23 om A2001-90 amdt 1.55
Appeals	
s 31	am A1995-46 sch; A1998-37 sch om A2001-90 amdt 1.55

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Application of Crimes Act 1900 etc

s 32 om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.55

Approval of crisis support organisations

s 33 renum as s 17

Disclosure of information to an approved crisis support organisation

s 34 renum as s 18

Approved forms

s 35 ins [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.1174
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.56

Dictionary

dict ins [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57
am [A2007-39](#) amdt 3.33; [A2010-30](#) amdt 1.26
def **appointed member** ins [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57
sub [A2007-22](#) amdt 1.29
def **approved crisis support organisation** ins [A2001-90](#)
amdt 1.57
def **child** ins [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57
def **coordinator** ins [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57
sub [A2016-1](#) amdt 1.2
def **council** ins [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57
def **domestic violence** ins [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57
sub [A2005-13](#) amdt 1.31
am [A2008-46](#) amdt 3.19
def **domestic violence offence** ins [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57
sub [A2005-13](#) amdt 1.32
am [A2008-46](#) amdt 3.20
def **member** ins [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57
sub [A2007-22](#) amdt 1.30

Domestic violence offences under the Crimes Act 1900

sch 1A ins [A1997-24](#) s 6
am [A1998-37](#) s 24
om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57

Drugs

sch 1 om [A2001-90](#) amdt 1.57

Forms

sch 2 am [A1991-44](#) sch; [A1992-37](#) s 7; [A1998-37](#) s 25
om [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.1175

5 Earlier republications

Some earlier republications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

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R1 3 Oct 1991	3 Oct 1991– 7 July 1992	A1991-44	initial republication since self-government
R1 (RI) 6 Feb 2008	3 Oct 1991– 7 July 1992	A1991-44	reissue of printed version
R2 31 Aug 1992	3 Aug 1992– 27 Nov 1992	A1992-37	amendments by A1992-34 and A1992-37
R2 (RI) 6 Feb 2008	3 Aug 1992– 27 Nov 1992	A1992-37	reissue of printed version
R2A 6 Feb 2008	28 Nov 1992– 30 May 1994	A1992-37	amendments by A1992-9
R2B 6 Feb 2008	31 May 1994– 28 Nov 1994	A1994-26	amendments by A1994-26
R3 31 Jan 1995	29 Nov 1994– 17 Dec 1995	A1994-81	amendments by A1994-81
R3 (RI) 6 Feb 2008	29 Nov 1994– 17 Dec 1995	A1994-81	reissue of printed version
R3A 6 Feb 2008	18 Dec 1995– 10 June 1996	A1995-46	amendments by A1995-46
R4 30 Nov 1996	10 July 1996– 16 May 1997	A1996-37	amendments by A1996-3 and A1996-37
R4 (RI) 6 Feb 2008	10 July 1996– 16 May 1997	A1996-37	reissue of printed version

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R4A 6 Feb 2008	17 May 1997– 29 May 1997	A1996-74	amendments by A1996-74
R4B 6 Feb 2008	30 May 1997– 16 Oct 1997	A1997-24	amendments by A1997-24
R4C 6 Feb 2008	17 Oct 1997– 31 Oct 1997	A1997-65	amendments by A1997-37
R4D 6 Feb 2008	1 Nov 1997– 31 May 1998	A1997-65	amendments by A1997-65
R5 1 June 1998	1 June 1998– 18 Oct 1998	A1997-96	amendments by A1997-96
R5 (RI) 6 Feb 2008	1 June 1998– 18 Oct 1998	A1997-96	reissue of printed version
R6 31 Jan 1999	23 Dec 1998– 29 Feb 2000	A1998-68	amendments by A1998-37 and A1998-68
R6 (RI) 6 Feb 2008	23 Dec 1998– 29 Feb 2000	A1998-68	reissue of printed version
R6A 6 Feb 2008	10 May 2000– 11 Sept 2001	A1999-79	amendments by A1999-64 and A1999-79
R6B 6 Feb 2008	12 Sept 2001– 26 Mar 2002	A2001-44	amendments by A2001-44
R7 27 Mar 2002	27 Mar 2002– 24 Mar 2005	A2001-90	renaming and other amendments by A2001-90
R8 25 Mar 2005	25 Mar 2005– 5 Sept 2007	A2005-13	amendments by A2005-13
R9 6 Sept 2007	6 Sept 2007– 26 Dec 2007	A2007-22	amendments by A2007-22
R10 27 Dec 2007	27 Dec 2007– 29 Mar 2009	A2007-39	amendments by A2007-39
R11 30 Mar 2009	30 Mar 2009– 27 Sept 2010	A2008-46	amendments by A2008-46

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R12 28 Sept 2010	28 Sept 2010– 31 Mar 2016	A2010-30	amendments by A2010-30

6 Renumbered provisions

This Act was renumbered under the *Legislation Act 2001*, in R7 (see *Protection Orders (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001* A2001-90 amdt 1.58). Details of renumbered provisions are shown in endnote 4 (Amendment history). For a table showing the renumbered provisions, see R7.

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