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Dear Mr Speaker,

**DOMESTIC ABUSE AND FAMILY PROCEEDINGS BILL – SECOND STAGE**

I am writing to advise that during second stage of the Domestic Abuse and Family Proceedings Bill I stated that there had been four domestic homicides during the COVID-19 lockdown period to date (page 50 of Hansard refers).

It has since been confirmed by the PSNI that the figure is in fact three as the fourth case was a suspected domestic homicide but is now not being treated as murder. I would be grateful if you could please arrange for clarification to be placed in the Assembly Library and for Members to be made aware of this amendment.



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