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Baroness Williams of Trafford
The Minister of State, Home Office
House of Lords
Westminster
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Dear Baroness Williams

Re: Parliamentary Debate Male Abusive Behaviour - 8th March 2017 (Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Statistics)

I am writing on behalf of the ManKind Initiative, the first charity to support male victims of domestic abuse in Great Britain, regarding the statistics quoted in the above debate.

In the debate, The Earl Cathcart stated that one in three victims of domestic abuse are male – a figure that you disputed by stating that you felt it was 7-8%.

The statistics produced by the Office for National Statistics¹ through the Crime Survey for England and Wales have consistently shown for the past 15 years that one in three victims are male.

The latest figures for 2015/16, published on 9 February 2017, stated:

- An estimated 716,000 men and 1.27 million women were victims of domestic abuse
- An estimated 451,000 men and 891,000 women were victims of partner abuse

These ratios are also featured in the House of Parliament Research Library Briefings.

I fully understand that the Parliamentary record cannot be changed but I would ask that for further debates on domestic abuse, that the correct ratios and statistics are used in this area. This will help ensure that a fuller appreciation and understanding is given to the numbers of male victims in our society.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

Mark Brooks

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1 Office for National Statistics (British Crime Survey) - Focus on violent crime and sexual offences, England and Wales: year ending Mar 2016: <http://bit.ly/2kqolyb>