THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILL, 1999

Amendments made in the Senate on Tuesday June 22, 1999.

First Column Clause	Second Column Extent of Amendment
1 & 2	Delete both clauses and substitute as follows: "Short title, Act inconsistent with Constitution 1(1) This Act may be cited as the Domestic Violence Act, 1999. (2) This Act shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution.
New 2	Insert a new clause 2 as follows: Objects of the Act 2. The objects of the Act are *inter alia* to- (a) provide immediate injunctive relief to victims of domestic violence; and (b) ensure a prompt and just legal remedy for victims of domestic violence.
3	A. After paragraph (f) in the definition of "emotional or psychological abuse" add the following paragraphs: "(g) persistent telephoning of the person at the person's place of residence or work; and (h) making unwelcome and repeated or intimidatory contact with a child or elderly relative of the person.".

B. Insert the following definition in appropriate alphabetical sequence:

" 'visiting relationship' means a non-cohabitational relationship which is otherwise similar to the relationship between husband and wife.".

4 A. In subclause (2)-

(a) delete the full stop at the end of paragraph (f) and substitute a semi-colon; and

(b) insert the following new paragraph:

"(g) a person who is or has been in a visiting relationship with a person of the opposite sex for a period exceeding twelve months.".

B. In subclause (5) delete the words "being a Public Officer".

6 A. In subclause (1) (c) (viii) after the word "programme" add the words "which is".

B. Delete subclause (5) and substitute as follows:-

"(5) The Court shall have jurisdiction to award compensation not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars and the payment of such compensation shall be received by the Court on behalf of the applicant.".

23 Add the following sub clauses:

" (5) The report referred to in subsection (4) shall be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions by the

Commissioner of Police within seven days of receiving the report.

(6) Where a complaint is made against a police officer by a person resident in premises alleging that the officer's entry onto the premises under subsection (2) was unwarranted, the Police Complaints Authority shall investigate the complaint and submit a copy of its report to the Commissioner of Police and the Director of Public Prosecution within fourteen days of the complaint having been made.

(7) Where the investigation of the Police Complaints Authority finds that the entry under subsection (2) was unwarranted, the Police Complaints Authority shall also submit the report to the Police Service Commission and such report may form the basis of disciplinary action against the police officer.".

Second Schedule
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A. In the fourth line delete the words "Relationship to Victim/Offender" and substitute the words "Relationship of Victim to Alleged Offender."

B. In the fourteenth line insert the word "Alleged" immediately before the word "Offender".

C. In the twenty-first line insert the word “Alleged” immediately before the word “Offender” wherever occurring.

D. In lines 9 and 15 delete the following words “Ethnic Origin”, “East Indian, African, Caucasian, Mixed, Etc.”.

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