



## MINISTER FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION HON. LYNDA TABUYA

**Written Response in Reference to the Question 76/2023:**

**Hon. Alvick Maharaj to ask the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation – The Government funds the National Domestic Violence Helpline run by the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre. Can the Minister update Parliament on the monthly statistics from 2019 till March 2023 on the nature of violence against women.**

March, 2023

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Total
<b>August</b>	57	70	149	432	116	824
<b>September</b>	69	86	97	190	96	538
<b>October</b>	53	93	155	227	122	650
<b>November</b>	71	58	150	173	143	595
<b>December</b>	158	98	147	401	85	889
<b>January</b>	98	105	172	338	61	774
<b>February</b>	82	87	287	235	235	926
<b>March</b>	76	185	202	203		666
<b>April</b>	50	803	245	177		1275
<b>May</b>	59	309	817	73		1258
<b>June</b>	60	296	513	123		992
<b>July</b>	94	132	678	154		1058
<b>Annual Total</b>	927	2322	3612	2726	858	<b>10,445</b>

- Since August 2018 to February 2023, a total of **10,445** calls have been intercepted by the Domestic Violence Helpline (1560).
- The lowest number of calls received was in the fiscal year 2018-2019 and this is probably due to lack of awareness on the existence of the helpline which was introduced in that fiscal year itself.
- The number of calls has gradually increased over the years as the service has gained more recognition through awareness and public information released by the Ministry.
- 2021 as a calendar year saw the most number of calls being intercepted. This was also the year that most parts of the country was under lockdowns due to the COVID19 pandemic and studies from across the world have shown links to the pandemic and an increased in the rates of gender based violence, especially domestic violence.
- Calls intercepted from August 2022 to February 2023 totals to **858**. Out of these calls, 38% are from DV survivors themselves and 17% of the calls were from bystanders. 78% of these calls were from females and 22% of the calls were from men.
- From August 2021 to July 2022, a total of **2,726** calls had been intercepted by the DV Helpline. Out of these calls, 39% were from DV survivors and 14% were from a bystander. 81% of the calls were females and 19% were from males.
- From August 2020 to July 2021, total calls received on the DV Helpline were **3612**. Out of these calls, 37% were from DV survivors and 14% from bystanders. 78% of the calls were from females and 22% were from males.
- From August 2019 to July 2020 a total of **2322** calls were received on the DV Helpline. Out of these calls, 46% of the calls were from DV survivors and 16% were from bystanders. 73% of the callers were females and 27% were males.
- Calls intercepted from August 2018 to July 2019 totaled at **927**. Out of these calls, 46% of the calls were from DV survivors and 15% from bystanders. 87% of the callers were female and 13% were males.