

**P-04-540 Stop Sexism In Domestic Abuse – Correspondence from the
Petitioner to the Clerking Team, 04.11.14**

Dear Kayleigh,

Thank you for the copy of the letter from Welsh Women's Aid (WWA) in response to my letter dated 11th July 2014.

Firstly, I apologise unreservedly for the illconsidered comments concerning WWA's financial incentives. These remarks were wholly uncalled for and I sincerely apologise for the offence caused to the Committee members and to WWA.

Secondly, There are fundamental and serious issues raised and addressed in the WWA correspondence that I would very much like to bring to the attention of the Committee. I respectfully request some more time to properly prepare a considered and appropriate response and avoid the difficulties experienced with my earlier response that had to be prepared under very considerable pressure from deadlines. I would anticipate completing a full response in two weeks time.

Thirdly, I refer to the letter from the Committee to WWA dated 30th April and their response dd 19th June 2014 received by Healing Men on the 9th July. It has transpired that WWA did not receive the full supporting information to which the Committee referred in the letter to WWA dated 30th April 2014 requesting " .. [WWA's] views on statistics provided by the petitioner .." thus creating, in error, the misleading statement by WWA "... these figures are not referenced or explained" The complete supporting information was sent to WWA on the 11th July 2014 and WWA confirmed on the 31st October that they did not require any further information from Healing Men.

WWA point out that the petition contradicts the WWA "understanding" of the nature of domestic abuse. However, Healing Men's petition is fully referenced, covering many countries and has been established in highly respected academic institutions and by skilled and experienced practitioners over many years. How can this be ignored? How can the Welsh Government make just and effective laws without deeply considering all sound, established and respected research, evidence and practice especially when it draws existing practice into doubt? DA causes much suffering and those involved need rounded, effective, "best practice" responses. I respectfully suggest that a full and carefully considered critique of the statistical

content of Healing Men's petition by WWA may grealy assist the review and consideration of the very important tragic issues raised in Healing Men's petition and correspondence from WWA.

Best wishes,

Tony Stott

Healing Men