

## **Chapter 2**

### **All Complaints for an Intervention Order relating to family members (Complaints regarding family violence)**

## Complaints for an intervention order

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07:

- The number of complaints for an intervention order in the Magistrates' and Children's Court of Victoria regarding family members increased by 30.8% (+4,710).
- The number of aggrieved persons included in complaints for intervention orders relating to family members significantly increased from 20,496 in 2002/03, to 31,540 in 2006/07, an overall increase of 53.9%.
- The number of aggrieved persons per complaint increased from 1.3 to 1.6.

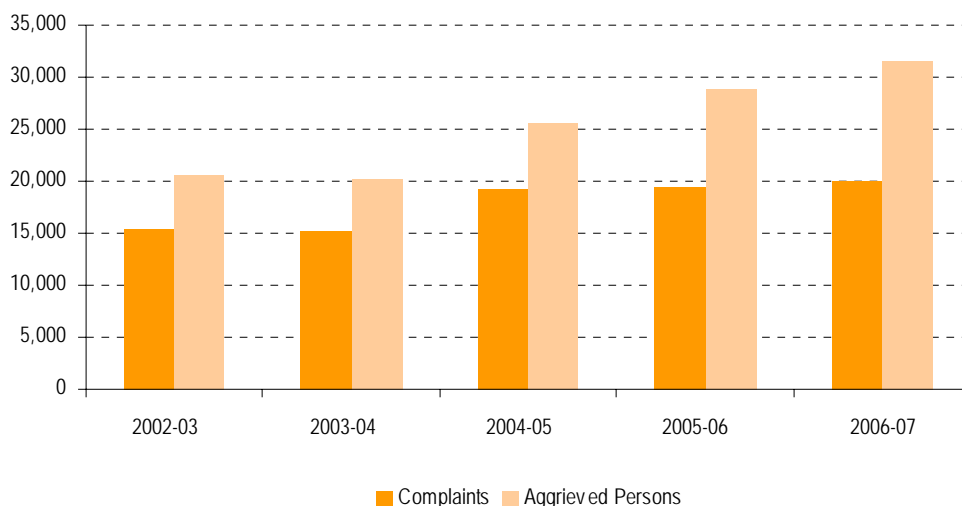
Table 2.1

Aggrieved persons and complaints for an intervention order relating to family members, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Complaints for intervention order	15,294	15,191	19,164	19,402	20,004
Aggrieved Persons	20,496	20,122	25,555	28,823	31,540
No. of AP per complaint for an IVO	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.6

Figure 2.1

Number of aggrieved persons and complaints for an intervention order relating to family members, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Complainants

Of the 20,004 complaints for an intervention order relating to family members in 2006/07, the majority were made by the aggrieved person (51.4%), followed by the police (47.3%).

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07:

- The proportion of all complaints made by police almost doubled from 24.0% to 47.3%;
- The proportion of all complaints made by the aggrieved person fell from 74.4% to 51.4%;
- The proportion of all complaints made by a parent of the aggrieved person was consistent at around 1%;
- All other complainant types were less than 1%.

Table 2.2

Complaints for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by complainant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

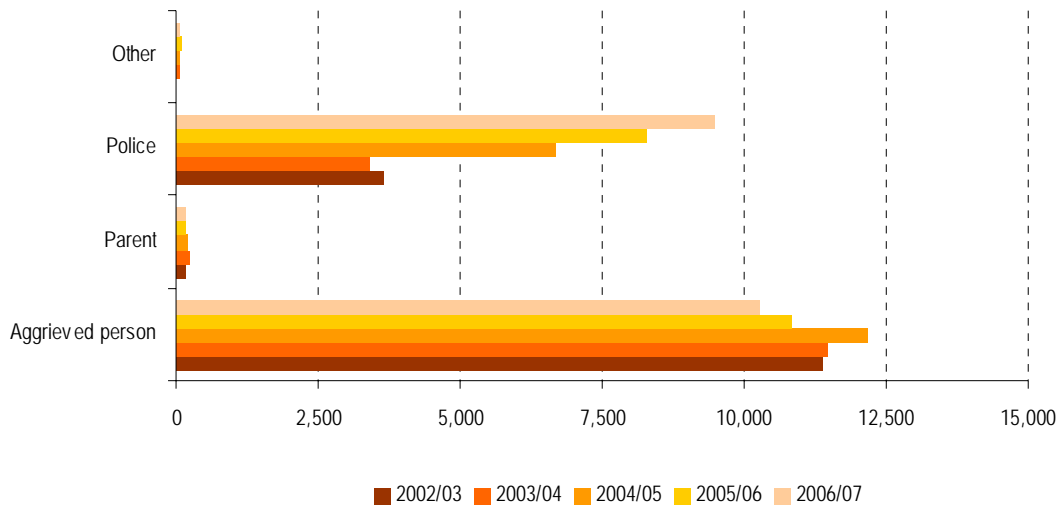
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Aggrieved person	11,386	11,491	12,178	10,850	10,274
Court	0	0	2	12	2
Guardian	6	16	15	20	15
Parent	188	235	214	180	189
Person with leave of court	13	20	22	41	31
Person with written consent	25	22	31	27	23
Police	3,676	3,407	6,702	8,272	9,470
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,294</i>	<i>15,191</i>	<i>19,164</i>	<i>19,402</i>	<i>20,004</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Aggrieved person	74.4%	75.6%	63.5%	55.9%	51.4%
Court	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Guardian	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Parent	1.2%	1.5%	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%
Person with leave of court	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Person with written consent	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Police	24.0%	22.4%	35.0%	42.6%	47.3%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

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## Complainants, continued

Figure 2.2

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by complainant, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Mode of issue of complaints for an intervention order

In 2006/07, the majority of complaints for an intervention order relating to family members were issued by a complaint and summons (67.6%). However, between 2002/03 and 2006/07, the proportion of complaint and summons for an intervention order decreased from 78.4% to 67.6%. Alternatively, over the period, the proportion of complaint and warrant to arrest for intervention order increased from 21.6% to 32.4%.

Table 2.3

Complaints for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by mode of issue of complaint, 2002/03 – 2006/07

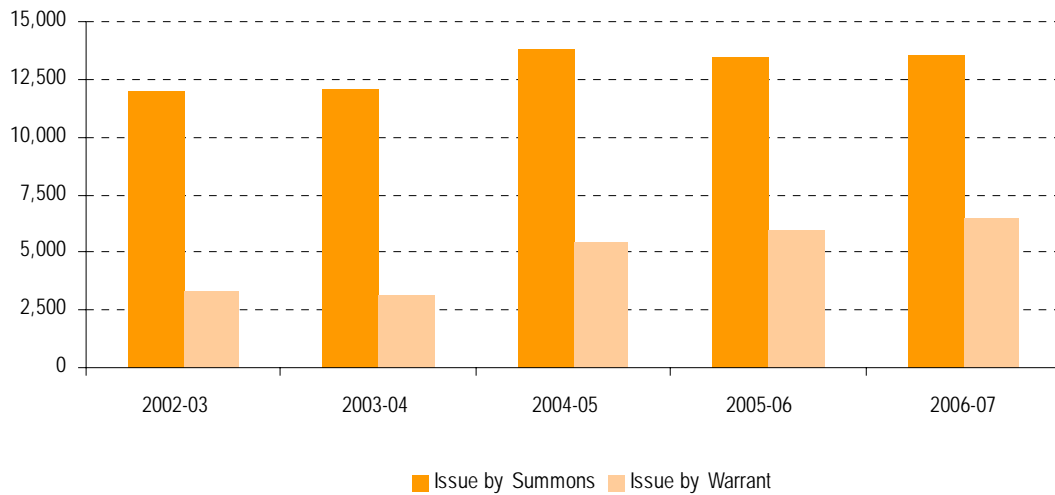
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Complaint and Summons for intervention order	11,987	12,078	13,744	13,411	13,521
Complaint and Warrant for intervention order	3,306	3,113	5,420	5,991	6,483
Unknown	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,294</i>	<i>15,191</i>	<i>19,164</i>	<i>19,402</i>	<i>20,004</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Complaint and Summons for intervention order	78.4%	79.5%	71.7%	69.1%	67.6%
Complaint and Warrant for intervention order	21.6%	20.5%	28.3%	30.9%	32.4%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

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## Mode of issue of complaints for an intervention order, continued

Figure 2.3

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by mode of issue of complaint, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Outcome of complaints for an intervention order

In 2006/07, more than half (56.4%) of complaints for an intervention order relating to family members resulted in an intervention order being made. Where an intervention order was not made, the complaint was more often struck out due to the complainant failing to appear (20.6%) or withdrawn by the complainant with or without an undertaking<sup>19</sup> (20.5%), rather than being refused by a magistrate (2.4%).

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07, the proportion of finalised complaints relating to family violence where:

- An intervention order was made has increased slightly from 54.4% to 56.4%;
- Complaint was refused has decreased from 5.3% in 2002/03 to 2.4% in 2006/07;
- Complaint was struck out remained between 21% and 25%;
- Complaint was withdrawn remained stable at approximately 14%;
- Complaint was withdrawn with undertaking has increased since its introduction in 2003/04 from 3.8% to 6.4% in 2006/07.

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<sup>19</sup> Prior to 2003/04 there was only one outcome which was recorded and included withdrawn and withdrawn with undertaking. Due to the increasingly higher number of complaints where undertakings were playing a key role the process was formalised. This included a new result type being recorded and a *Notice of Re-instatement* being created. The *Notice of Re-instatement* allows the complainant to request that the registrar reinstate the complaint without the complainant having to make a fresh Complaint for an Intervention Order where the defendant has breached the undertaking made in Court.

## Outcome of complaints for an intervention order, continued

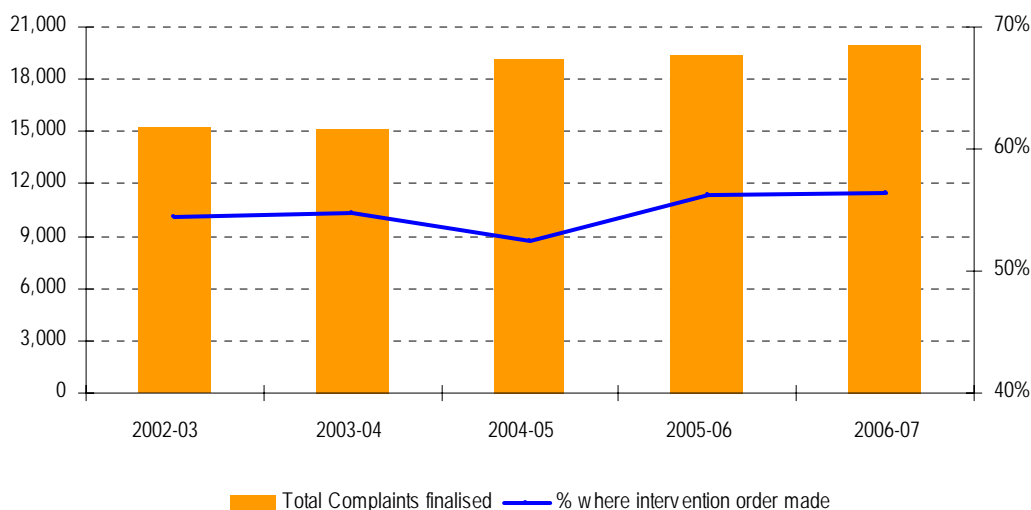
Table 2.4

Complaints for an intervention order relating to family members, by outcome, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Intervention order made	8,323	8,325	10,054	10,914	11,279
Complaint struck out	3,559	3,327	4,753	4,140	4,116
Complaint withdrawn	2,568	2,041	2,528	2,645	2,820
Complaint withdrawn with undertaking	0	584	1,018	1,125	1,290
Complaint refused	814	885	783	562	480
Complaint revoked	30	29	28	16	19
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,294</i>	<i>15,191</i>	<i>19,164</i>	<i>19,402</i>	<i>20,004</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Intervention order made	54.4%	54.8%	52.5%	56.3%	56.4%
Complaint struck out	23.3%	21.9%	24.8%	21.3%	20.6%
Complaint withdrawn	16.8%	13.4%	13.2%	13.6%	14.1%
Complaint withdrawn with undertaking	0.0%	3.8%	5.3%	5.8%	6.4%
Complaint refused	5.3%	5.8%	4.1%	2.9%	2.4%
Complaint revoked	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Figure 2.4

Number of complaints for an intervention order relating to family members and proportion of complaints where intervention order is made, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Duration of intervention orders

Of the 11,279 intervention orders relating to family members made in 2006/07, most were made for a period of up to 1 year in duration (83.9%).

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07 the proportion of intervention orders granted for a period of:

- One year or less increased steadily from 70.2% in 2002/03 to a 83.9% in 2006/07;
- 1 to 2 years in duration has decreased during the period from 12.7% in 2002/03 to 8.4% in 2006/07;
- 2 to 5 years in duration saw a small decrease from 5.4% in 2002/03 to 3.4% in 2006/07;
- 5 to 10 years in duration remained stable at less than 1.0%; and
- More than 10 years in duration or until further order decreased from 11.2% to 4.2%.

Table 2.5

Number of intervention orders made relating to family members, by duration of intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07

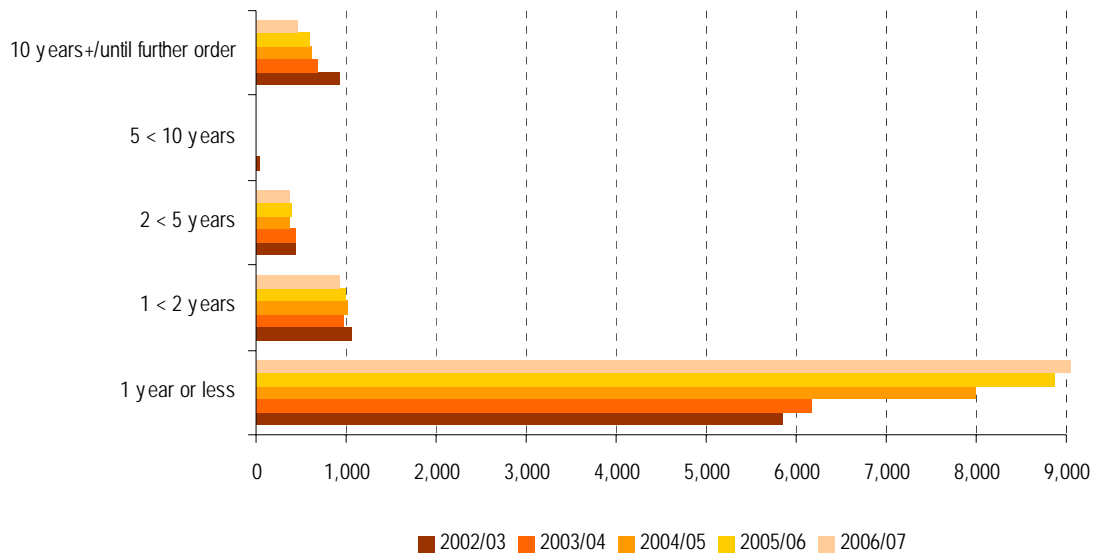
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
1 year or less	5,843	6,172	7,992	8,872	9,460
1 < 2 years	1,059	969	1,021	1,007	944
2 < 5 years	446	449	383	394	380
5 < 10 years	39	27	25	24	21
10 years+ /until further order	930	687	626	602	470
Unknown	6	21	7	15	4
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,323</i>	<i>8,325</i>	<i>10,054</i>	<i>10,914</i>	<i>11,279</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
1 year or less	70.2%	74.1%	79.5%	81.3%	83.9%
1 < 2 years	12.7%	11.6%	10.2%	9.2%	8.4%
2 < 5 years	5.4%	5.4%	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%
5 < 10 years	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
10 years+ /until further order	11.2%	8.3%	6.2%	5.5%	4.2%
Unknown	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

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## Duration of intervention orders, continued

Figure 2.5

Number of intervention orders made relating to family members, by duration of intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Restrictions included in intervention orders

Of the total number of intervention orders made relating to family members between 2002/03 and 2006/07:

- The proportion of intervention orders including a restriction prohibiting the defendant from behaviour such as approaching, telephoning or contacting the aggrieved person decreased from 81.0% to 72.6%.
- The proportion of intervention orders including a restriction prohibiting the defendant from being within a specific distance of premises where the aggrieved person lives or works decreased from 83.0% to 75.4%.
- Approximately 98% of intervention orders made included a restriction prohibiting the defendant from behaviour such as assaulting, harassing, threatening, molesting or intimidating the aggrieved person.
- The proportion of intervention orders that included a restriction prohibiting the defendant from damaging property owned or jointly owned by the aggrieved person increased from 86.1% to 91.0%.
- The proportion of intervention orders including a restriction prohibiting the defendant from causing another person to engage in conduct prohibited by the intervention order increased slightly from 83.1% in 2002/03 to 87.6% in 2006/07.
- The proportion of intervention orders that included a restriction regarding firearms decreased from 18.9% to 10.3%.

## Restrictions included in intervention orders, continued

Table 2.6

Number of intervention orders made relating to family members, by restrictions included in intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07

**Restriction 1**

*Restriction that prohibits the defendant from behaviour such as approaching, telephoning and contacting the aggrieved person.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	6,734	6,926	7,843	8,084	8,182
Not imposed	1,582	1,378	2,204	2,814	3,090
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,316</i>	<i>8,304</i>	<i>10,047</i>	<i>10,898</i>	<i>11,272</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	81.0%	83.4%	78.1%	74.2%	72.6%
Not imposed	19.0%	16.6%	21.9%	25.8%	27.4%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Restriction 2**

*Restriction that prohibits the defendant from being within a specific distance of premises where the aggrieved person works or lives.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	6,904	7,004	7,993	8,281	8,497
Not imposed	1,412	1,300	2,054	2,617	2,775
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,316</i>	<i>8,304</i>	<i>10,047</i>	<i>10,898</i>	<i>11,272</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	83.0%	84.3%	79.6%	76.0%	75.4%
Not imposed	17.0%	15.7%	20.4%	24.0%	24.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Restriction 3**

*Restriction that prohibits the defendant from behaviour such as assaulting, harassing, threatening, molesting, stalking or intimidating the aggrieved person.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	8,177	8,163	9,904	10,761	11,094
Not imposed	139	141	143	137	178
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,316</i>	<i>8,304</i>	<i>10,047</i>	<i>10,898</i>	<i>11,272</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	98.3%	98.3%	98.6%	98.7%	98.4%
Not imposed	1.7%	1.7%	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Restrictions included in intervention orders, continued

Table 2.6 (cont)

Number of intervention orders made relating to family members, by restrictions included in intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07

**Restriction 4**

*Restriction that prohibits the defendant from damaging property owned or jointly owned by the aggrieved person.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	7,164	7,325	8,873	9,706	10,261
Not imposed	1,152	979	1,174	1,192	1,011
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,316</i>	<i>8,304</i>	<i>10,047</i>	<i>10,898</i>	<i>11,272</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	86.1%	88.2%	88.3%	89.1%	91.0%
Not imposed	13.9%	11.8%	11.7%	10.9%	9.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Restriction 5**

*Restriction that prohibits the defendant causing another person to engage in conduct prohibited by an intervention order.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	6,911	7,121	8,620	9,450	9,875
Not imposed	1,405	1,183	1,427	1,448	1,397
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,316</i>	<i>8,304</i>	<i>10,047</i>	<i>10,898</i>	<i>11,272</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	83.1%	85.8%	85.8%	86.7%	87.6%
Not imposed	16.9%	14.2%	14.2%	13.3%	12.4%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Restriction 6**

*Restriction that prohibits the defendant from possessing, carrying or using any firearm; revoking any firearms license, permit or authority held by the defendant; and disqualifying the defendant from obtaining another license, permit or authority to possess, carry or use any firearm during the course of the intervention order and for a period of 5 years from the date of cessation of the intervention order.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	1,571	846	864	1,209	1,162
Not imposed	6,745	7,458	9,183	9,689	10,110
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,316</i>	<i>8,304</i>	<i>10,047</i>	<i>10,898</i>	<i>11,272</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	18.9%	10.2%	8.6%	11.1%	10.3%
Not imposed	81.1%	89.8%	91.4%	88.9%	89.7%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Restrictions included in intervention orders, continued

Figure 2.6

Number of intervention orders made relating to family members, by restrictions included in intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07

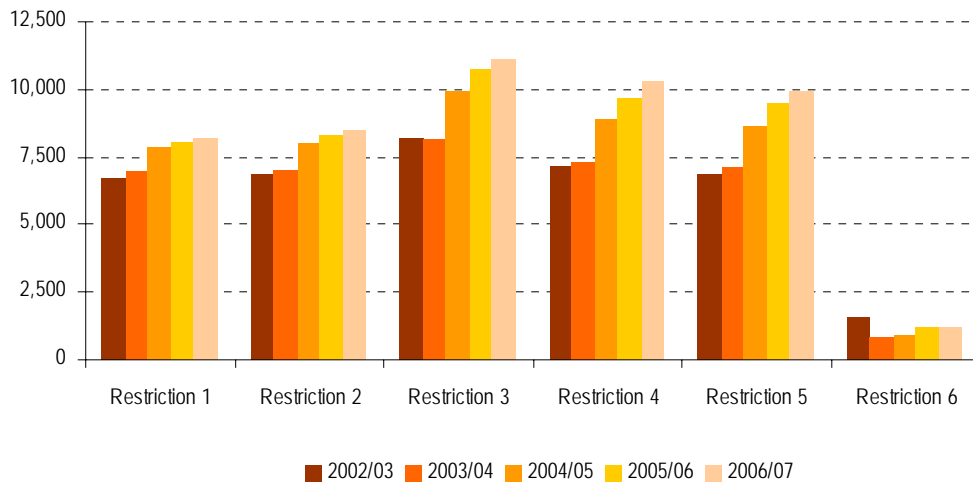
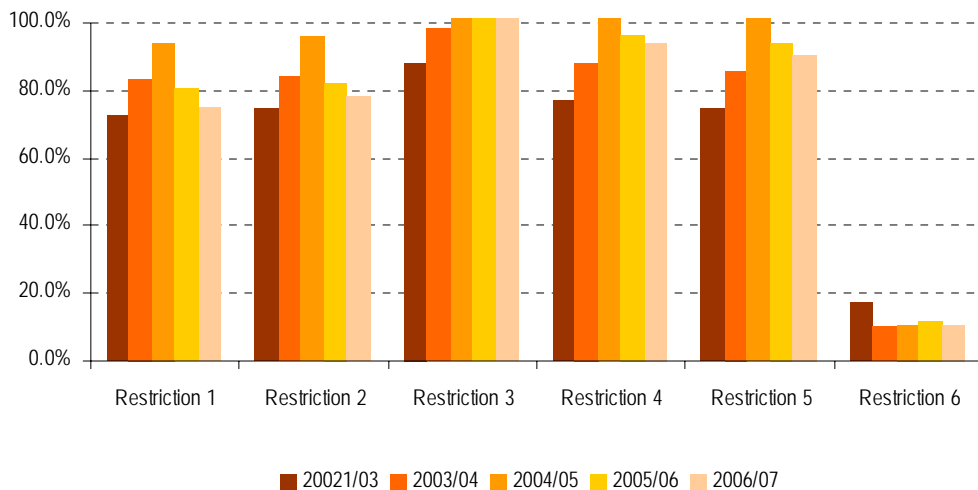


Figure 2.7

Distribution of intervention orders made relating to family members, by restrictions included in intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Relationship between aggrieved person and defendant

### First named aggrieved person

Of the 20,004 first named aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order relating to family members finalised in 2006/07, the relationship between the 1<sup>st</sup> named aggrieved person and the defendant was more often domestic partner / former domestic partner (56.9%), followed by, being in an intimate personal relationship (13.4%) and parent / step parent (10.7%).

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07 the proportion of 1<sup>st</sup> named aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, where the aggrieved person was recorded as:

- A domestic partner / former domestic partner of the defendant remained relatively stable at approximately 57.0%;
- A parent / step parent of the defendant varied between 9.3% and 10.7%;
- A child / step child of the defendant remained constant at between 4.8% and 5.2%;
- A sibling of the defendant increased slightly from 4.3% to 4.7%;
- A in-law of the defendant varied between 5.1% and 6.3%;
- Being in an intimate personal relationship with the defendant decreased from 15.8% to 13.4%.

## Relationship between aggrieved person and defendant, continued

Table 2.7

1<sup>st</sup> named aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by their relationship to the defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Domestic partner / Former domestic partner	8,645	8,649	11,019	11,003	11,379
Parent / Step-parent	1,561	1,414	1,977	1,970	2,147
Child / Step-child	732	756	954	1,002	989
Sibling	650	667	821	918	946
In-laws	808	954	1,122	998	1,013
Other relative	370	378	521	594	738
Intimate personal relationship	2,417	2,297	2,667	2,846	2,677
Other relationship	111	76	83	71	115
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,294</i>	<i>15,191</i>	<i>19,164</i>	<i>19,402</i>	<i>20,004</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Domestic partner / Former domestic partner	56.5%	56.9%	57.5%	56.7%	56.9%
Parent / Step-parent	10.2%	9.3%	10.3%	10.2%	10.7%
Child / Step-child	4.8%	5.0%	5.0%	5.2%	4.9%
Sibling	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%	4.7%	4.7%
In-laws	5.3%	6.3%	5.9%	5.1%	5.1%
Other relative	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%	3.1%	3.7%
Intimate personal relationship	15.8%	15.1%	13.9%	14.7%	13.4%
Other relationship	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Relationship between aggrieved person and defendant, continued

Table 2.8

1<sup>st</sup> named aggrieved persons where an intervention order was made, by their relationship to the defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Domestic partner / Former domestic partner	4,686	4,753	5,795	6,218	6,470
Parent / Step-parent	955	857	1,181	1,188	1,338
Child / Step-child	334	342	446	495	499
Sibling	358	378	386	508	499
In-laws	416	477	573	538	524
Other relative	196	188	254	301	372
Intimate personal relationship	1,330	1,293	1,385	1,634	1,511
Other relationship	48	37	34	32	66
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,323</i>	<i>8,325</i>	<i>10,054</i>	<i>10,914</i>	<i>11,279</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Domestic partner / Former domestic partner	56.3%	57.1%	57.6%	57.0%	57.4%
Parent / Step-parent	11.5%	10.3%	11.7%	10.9%	11.9%
Child / Step-child	4.0%	4.1%	4.4%	4.5%	4.4%
Sibling	4.3%	4.5%	3.8%	4.7%	4.4%
In-laws	5.0%	5.7%	5.7%	4.9%	4.6%
Other relative	2.4%	2.3%	2.5%	2.8%	3.3%
Intimate personal relationship	16.0%	15.5%	13.8%	15.0%	13.4%
Other relationship	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Relationship between aggrieved person and defendant, continued

Figure 2.8

Number of 1<sup>st</sup> named aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by their relationship to the defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

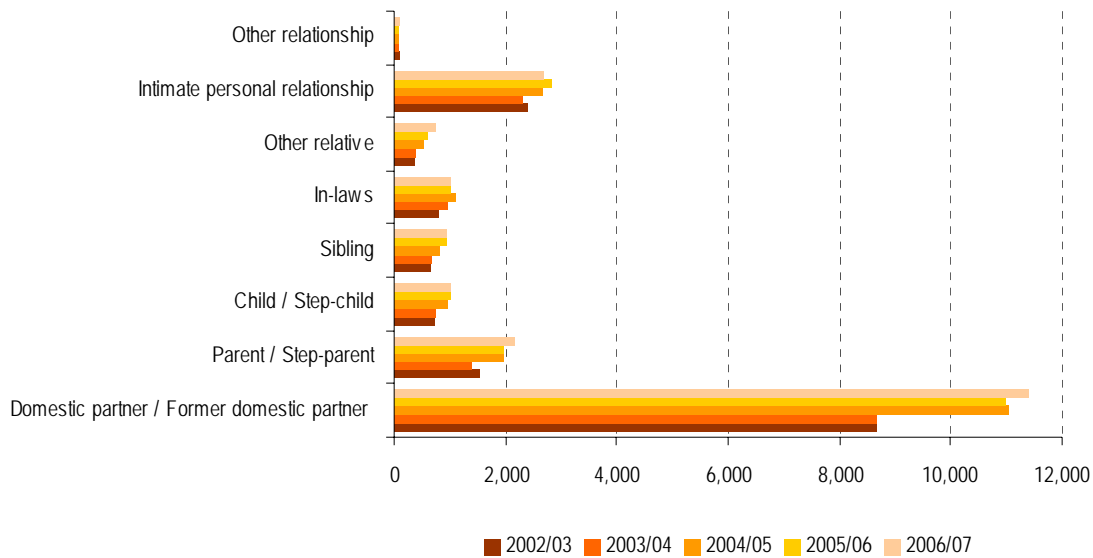
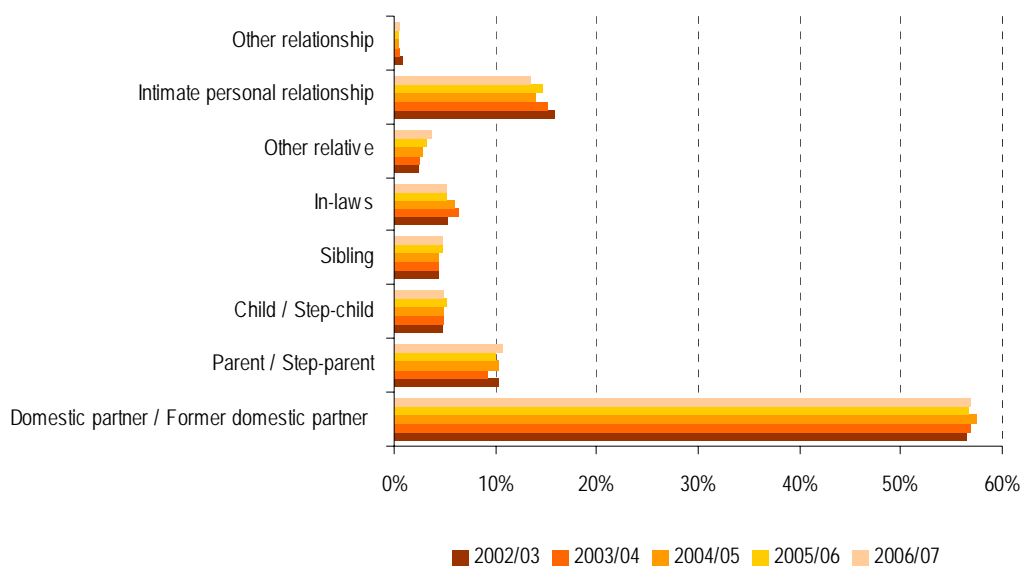


Figure 2.9

Proportion of 1<sup>st</sup> named aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by their relationship to the defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Relationship between aggrieved person and defendant, continued

### Total aggrieved persons

Of the 31,540 aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order relating to family members finalised in 2006/07, the relationship between the aggrieved person and the defendant was more often domestic partner / former domestic partner (36.3%), followed by child / step child (30.2%) and being in an intimate personal relationship (8.6%).

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07 the proportion of aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, where the aggrieved person was recorded as:

- A domestic partner / former domestic partner of the defendant decreased from 42.5% to 36.3%;
- A parent / step parent of the defendant varied between 6.9% and 8.0%;
- A child / step child of the defendant increased from 20.1% to 30.2%;
- A sibling of the defendant remained consistent at approximately 4.5%;
- A in-law of the defendant varied between 3.3% and 5.0%;
- Being in an intimate personal relationship with the defendant decreased from 12.0% to 8.6%.

## Relationship between aggrieved person and defendant, continued

Table 2.9

Total aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by their relationship to the defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Domestic partner / Former domestic partner	8,706	8,700	11,078	11,087	11,464
Parent / Step-parent	1,633	1,469	2,035	2,010	2,179
Child / Step-child	4,119	4,023	5,322	7,886	9,538
Sibling	954	925	1,190	1,248	1,447
In-laws	884	1,011	1,205	1,039	1,055
Other relative	1,020	1,050	1,310	1,843	2,206
Intimate personal relationship	2,468	2,327	2,690	2,880	2,712
Other relationship	712	617	725	830	939
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,496</i>	<i>20,122</i>	<i>25,555</i>	<i>28,823</i>	<i>31,540</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Domestic partner / Former domestic partner	42.5%	43.2%	43.3%	38.5%	36.3%
Parent / Step-parent	8.0%	7.3%	8.0%	7.0%	6.9%
Child / Step-child	20.1%	20.0%	20.8%	27.4%	30.2%
Sibling	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%	4.6%
In-laws	4.3%	5.0%	4.7%	3.6%	3.3%
Other relative	5.0%	5.2%	5.1%	6.4%	7.0%
Intimate personal relationship	12.0%	11.6%	10.5%	10.0%	8.6%
Other relationship	3.5%	3.1%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Relationship between aggrieved person and defendant, continued

Table 2.10

Total aggrieved persons where an intervention order was made, by their relationship to the defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Domestic partner / Former domestic partner	4,726	4,782	5,825	6,259	6,529
Parent / Step-parent	998	889	1,223	1,214	1,354
Child / Step-child	2,195	2,233	2,993	4,775	5,902
Sibling	544	536	597	702	825
In-laws	466	515	627	568	550
Other relative	536	545	668	955	1,149
Intimate personal relationship	1,356	1,311	1,398	1,655	1,537
Other relationship	380	348	383	512	534
<i>Total</i>	<i>11,201</i>	<i>11,159</i>	<i>13,714</i>	<i>16,640</i>	<i>18,380</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Domestic partner / Former domestic partner	42.2%	42.9%	42.5%	37.6%	35.5%
Parent / Step-parent	8.9%	8.0%	8.9%	7.3%	7.4%
Child / Step-child	19.6%	20.0%	21.8%	28.7%	32.1%
Sibling	4.9%	4.8%	4.4%	4.2%	4.5%
In-laws	4.2%	4.6%	4.6%	3.4%	3.0%
Other relative	4.8%	4.9%	4.9%	5.7%	6.3%
Intimate personal relationship	12.1%	11.7%	10.2%	9.9%	8.4%
Other relationship	3.4%	3.1%	2.8%	3.1%	2.9%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Relationship between aggrieved person and defendant, continued

Figure 2.10

Number of total aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by their relationship to the defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

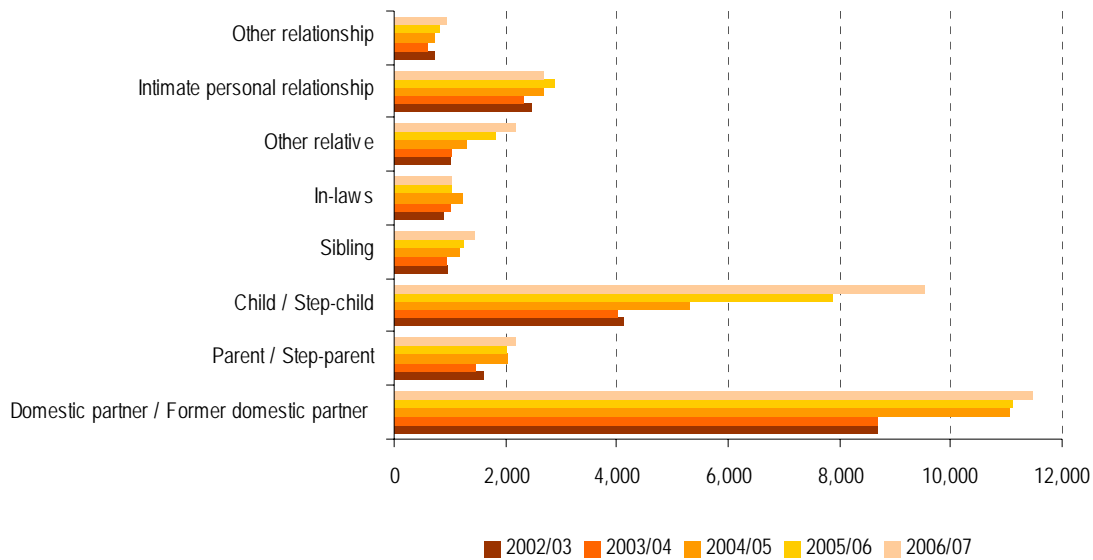
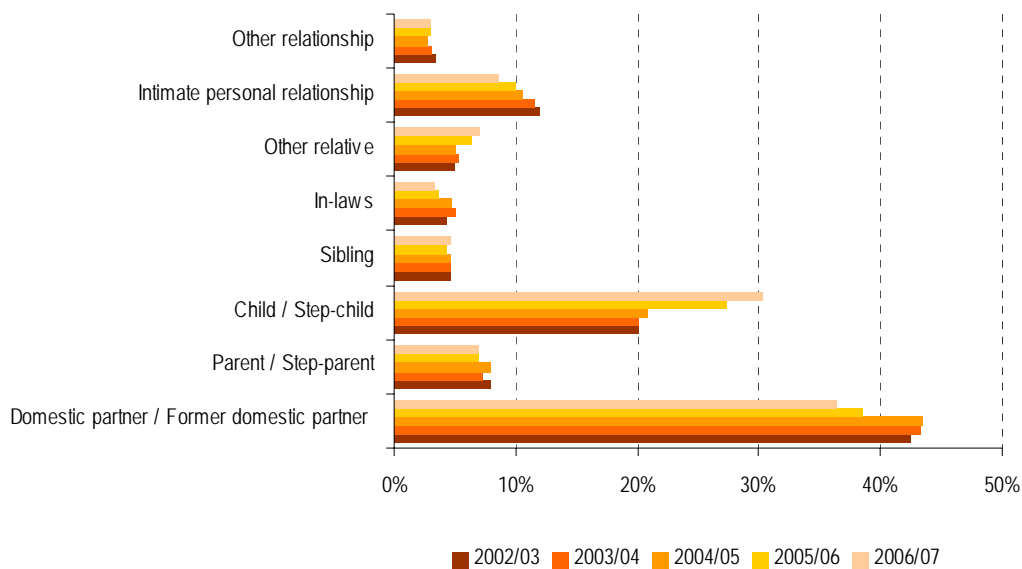


Figure 2.11

Proportion of total aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by their relationship to the defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Gender of Aggrieved persons

The majority of aggrieved persons included in a complaint for an intervention order relating to family members were female. Between 2002/03 and 2006/07, the gender distribution of aggrieved persons to complaints for an intervention order relating to family violence was consistent at approximately 29% for males and 71% for females.

Table 2.11

Aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order relating to family members finalised, by gender of aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Male	5,787	5,663	7,289	8,820	10,008
Female	14,709	14,459	18,266	20,003	21,532
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,496</i>	<i>20,122</i>	<i>25,555</i>	<i>28,823</i>	<i>31,540</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Male	28.2%	28.1%	28.5%	30.6%	31.7%
Female	71.8%	71.9%	71.5%	69.4%	68.3%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Table 2.12

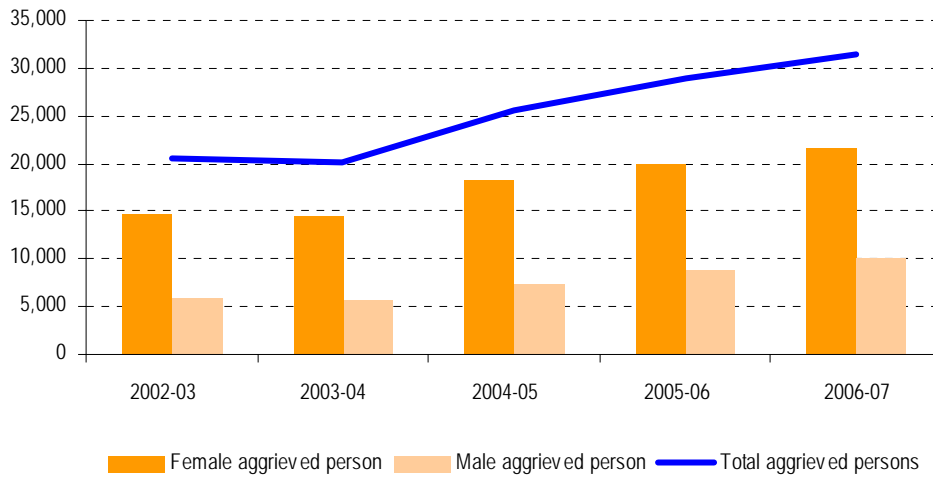
Aggrieved persons where an intervention order was granted relating to family members, by gender of aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Male	2,900	2,893	3,754	4,845	5,611
Female	8,301	8,266	9,960	11,795	12,769
<i>Total</i>	<i>11,201</i>	<i>11,159</i>	<i>13,714</i>	<i>16,640</i>	<i>18,380</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Male	25.9%	25.9%	27.4%	29.1%	30.5%
Female	74.1%	74.1%	72.6%	70.9%	69.5%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Gender of Aggrieved persons, continued

Figure 2.12

Number of aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by gender of aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Gender of defendants

The majority of defendants to complaints for an intervention order relating to family members were male. Between 2002/03 and 2006/07 the proportion of male defendants to complaints for an intervention order relating to family violence was consistent at approximately 81% for males and 19% for females.

Table 2.13

Complaints for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by gender of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Male	12,426	12,407	15,563	15,730	16,133
Female	2,868	2,784	3,601	3,672	3,871
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,294</i>	<i>15,191</i>	<i>19,164</i>	<i>19,402</i>	<i>20,004</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Male	81.2%	81.7%	81.2%	81.1%	80.6%
Female	18.8%	18.3%	18.8%	18.9%	19.4%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Table 2.14

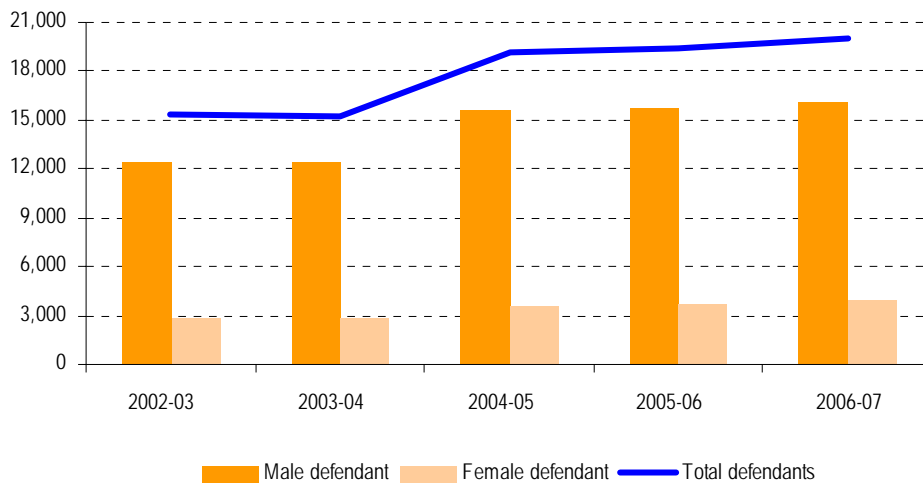
Intervention orders granted relating to family members, by gender of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Male	7,087	7,098	8,523	9,280	9,542
Female	1,236	1,227	1,531	1,634	1,737
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,323</i>	<i>8,325</i>	<i>10,054</i>	<i>10,914</i>	<i>11,279</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Male	85.1%	85.3%	84.8%	85.0%	84.6%
Female	14.9%	14.7%	15.2%	15.0%	15.4%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Gender of defendants, continued

Figure 2.13

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by gender of defendant, 2001/02 – 2005/06



## Age of aggrieved persons

The age of aggrieved persons to a complaint for an intervention order relating to family members saw increases over the period in the proportion of aggrieved persons aged less than 15, whilst there were decreases in the proportion of aggrieved persons aged 20 to 29 and 30 to 39.

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07:

- There has been a significant increase in the number of aggrieved persons aged less than 15 years from 22.2% to 32.4%;
- 15 to 19 years was increased slightly from 6.9% to 8.4%;
- 20 to 29 years decreased from 19.4% to 15.8%;
- 30 to 39 years decreased from 25.4% to 19.9%;
- 40 to 49 years remained consistent at approximately 15%;
- 50 plus years varied between 9% and 11%.

## Age of aggrieved persons, continued

Table 2.15

Aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by age of the aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Less than 15 years	4,557	4,505	5,813	8,522	10,219
15 - 19 years	1,405	1,350	1,783	2,189	2,659
20 - 29 years	3,968	3,829	4,633	4,998	4,969
30 - 39 years	5,205	4,981	6,190	6,053	6,279
40 - 49 years	3,135	3,243	4,226	4,184	4,358
50 + years	2,205	2,180	2,885	2,851	3,013
Unknown	21	34	25	26	43
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,496</i>	<i>20,122</i>	<i>25,555</i>	<i>28,823</i>	<i>31,540</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Less than 15 years	22.2%	22.4%	22.7%	29.6%	32.4%
15 - 19 years	6.9%	6.7%	7.0%	7.6%	8.4%
20 - 29 years	19.4%	19.0%	18.1%	17.3%	15.8%
30 - 39 years	25.4%	24.8%	24.2%	21.0%	19.9%
40 - 49 years	15.3%	16.1%	16.5%	14.5%	13.8%
50 + years	10.8%	10.8%	11.3%	9.9%	9.6%
Unknown	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Age of aggrieved persons, continued

Table 2.16

Aggrieved persons where an intervention order was made relating to family members, by age of the aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Less than 15 years	2,457	2,532	3,306	5,144	6,280
15 - 19 years	806	738	976	1,270	1,523
20 - 29 years	2,085	2,095	2,496	2,786	2,823
30 - 39 years	2,870	2,677	3,182	3,359	3,498
40 - 49 years	1,663	1,787	2,151	2,395	2,421
50 + years	1,303	1,307	1,579	1,662	1,800
Unknown	17	23	24	24	35
<i>Total</i>	<i>11,201</i>	<i>11,159</i>	<i>13,714</i>	<i>16,640</i>	<i>18,380</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Less than 15 years	21.9%	22.7%	24.1%	30.9%	34.2%
15 - 19 years	7.2%	6.6%	7.1%	7.6%	8.3%
20 - 29 years	18.6%	18.8%	18.2%	16.7%	15.4%
30 - 39 years	25.6%	24.0%	23.2%	20.2%	19.0%
40 - 49 years	14.8%	16.0%	15.7%	14.4%	13.2%
50 + years	11.6%	11.7%	11.5%	10.0%	9.8%
Unknown	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Age of aggrieved persons, continued

Figure 2.14

Number of aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by age of the aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07

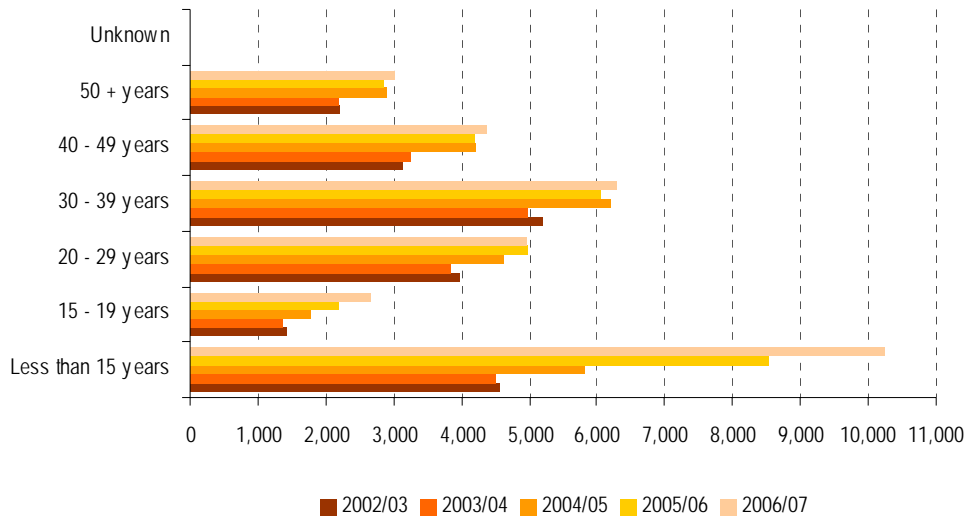
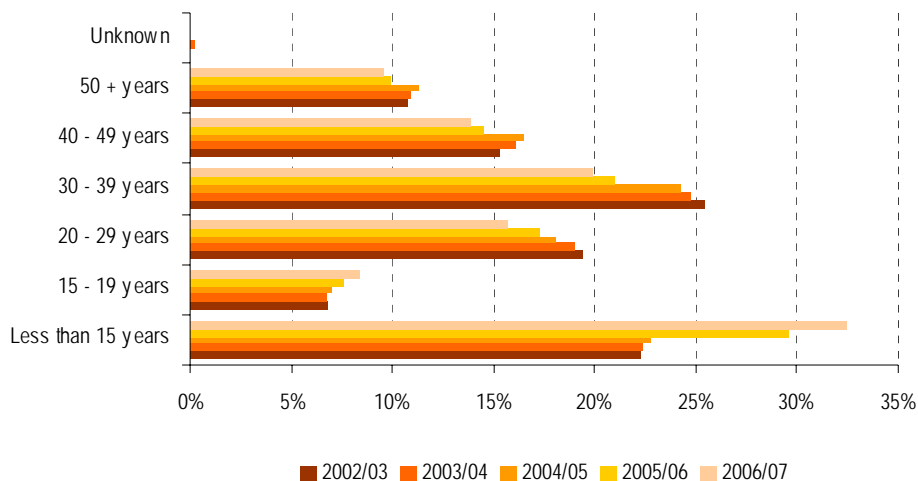


Figure 2.15

Age distribution of total number of aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Age of defendants

The age of defendants to a complaint for an intervention order relating to family members remained relatively consistent over the period.

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07:

- Less than 1% of defendants were aged less than 15;
- 5.5% of defendants were aged 15 to 19 years;
- The proportion of defendants aged 20 to 29 years decreased from 26.5% to 25.5%;
- The proportion of defendants aged 30 to 39 remained at approximately 35%;
- The proportion of defendants aged 40 to 49 years increased from 20.9% to 22.5%;
- Between 9% and 11% of defendants were aged 50 plus.

## Age of defendants, continued

Table 2.17

Complaints for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by age of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Less than 15 years	39	47	69	58	95
15 - 19 years	837	832	1,081	1,146	1,254
20 - 29 years	4,048	3,890	4,692	4,940	5,103
30 - 39 years	5,663	5,429	6,850	6,829	6,925
40 - 49 years	3,195	3,361	4,270	4,276	4,506
50 + years	1,512	1,632	2,202	2,153	2,121
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,294</i>	<i>15,191</i>	<i>19,164</i>	<i>19,402</i>	<i>20,004</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Less than 15 years	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%
15 - 19 years	5.5%	5.5%	5.6%	5.9%	6.3%
20 - 29 years	26.5%	25.6%	24.5%	25.5%	25.5%
30 - 39 years	37.0%	35.7%	35.7%	35.2%	34.6%
40 - 49 years	20.9%	22.1%	22.3%	22.0%	22.5%
50 + years	9.9%	10.7%	11.5%	11.1%	10.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Table 2.18

Intervention orders made relating to family members, by age of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Less than 15 years	12	17	17	27	44
15 - 19 years	466	465	575	614	689
20 - 29 years	2,240	2,149	2,613	2,859	2,969
30 - 39 years	3,156	3,031	3,642	3,894	3,973
40 - 49 years	1,732	1,821	2,174	2,391	2,512
50 + years	717	842	1,033	1,129	1,092
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,323</i>	<i>8,325</i>	<i>10,054</i>	<i>10,914</i>	<i>11,279</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Less than 15 years	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
15 - 19 years	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%	6.1%
20 - 29 years	26.9%	25.8%	26.0%	26.2%	26.3%
30 - 39 years	37.9%	36.4%	36.2%	35.7%	35.2%
40 - 49 years	20.8%	21.9%	21.6%	21.9%	22.3%
50 + years	8.6%	10.1%	10.3%	10.3%	9.7%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Age of defendants, continued

Figure 2.16

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised relating to family members, by age of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

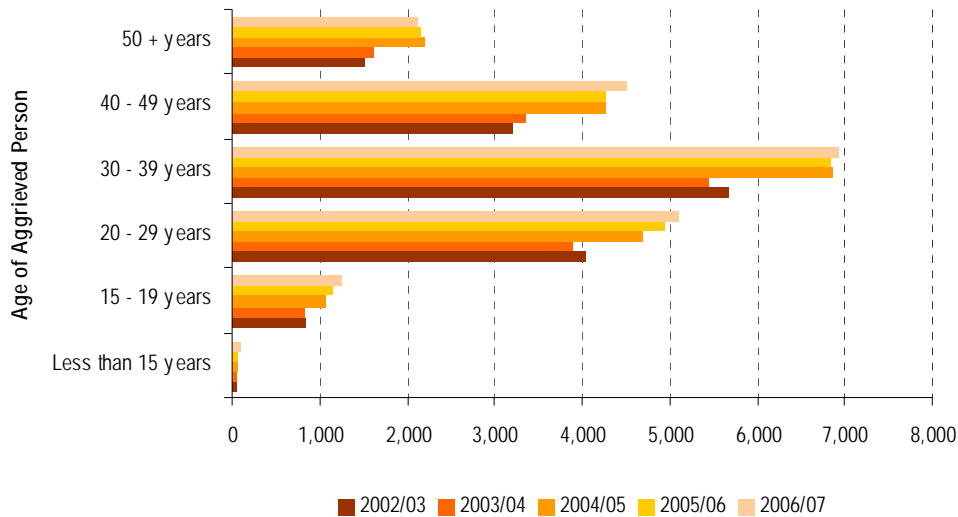
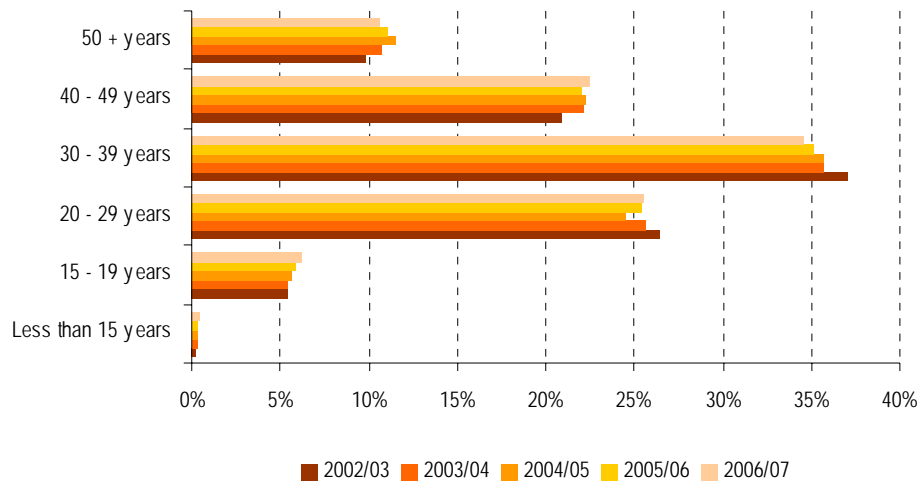


Figure 2.17

Proportion of complaints for an intervention order relating to family members, by age of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07



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