

## **Chapter 4**

### **Applications to Extend an Intervention Order**

## Outcomes of applications to extend an intervention order

In 2006/07, there were 596 applications to extend an intervention order finalised in the Magistrates' and Children's Courts of Victoria and almost all were granted (97.1%). Where the application to extend was not granted, the application was more often struck out due to the applicant failing to appear (1.7%) or withdrawn with or without an undertaking (1.0%), than revoked (0.2%).

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07:

- The number of applications to extend an intervention order that were finalised increased by 11.2% (+60).
- The proportion of applications to extend that were granted by the court reduced slightly over the period from 97.6% to 97.1%.

**Table 4.1**

### Applications to extend an intervention order finalised, by outcome, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Intervention order extended	523	458	505	611	579
Application struck out	9	11	14	13	10
Application withdrawn	0	2	3	14	4
Application withdrawn with undertaking	0	1	2	8	2
Application refused	1	1	0	1	0
Application revoked	3	1	1	0	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>536</i>	<i>474</i>	<i>525</i>	<i>647</i>	<i>596</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Intervention order extended	97.6%	96.6%	96.2%	94.4%	97.1%
Application struck out	1.7%	2.3%	2.7%	2.0%	1.7%
Application withdrawn	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%	2.2%	0.7%
Application withdrawn with undertaking	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	1.2%	0.3%
Application refused	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Application revoked	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	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>

Outcomes of applications to extend an intervention order, continued

Figure 4.1

Number of applications to extend an intervention order finalised and proportion where application was granted, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Relationships between aggrieved persons and defendants

In 2006/07, 1,073 aggrieved persons had an application to extend an intervention order finalised in the Magistrates' and Children's Courts of Victoria. This is an increase of 39.5% since 2002/03.

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

- A *domestic partner / former domestic partner* of the defendant decreased from 39.4% to 31.9%;
- A *parent / step parent* of the defendant decreased from 5.3% to 3.0%;
- A *child / step child* of the defendant increased from 18.7% to 36.4%;
- A *sibling* of the defendant remained relatively stable at approximately 1% - 3%;
- An *in-law* of the defendant remained between 2% and 3.5%;
- Being in an *intimate personal relationship* with the defendant decreased from 7.2% to 5.1%;
- A *non family member* decreased from 20.0% to 13.7%.

## Relationships between aggrieved persons and defendants, continued

Table 4.2

Aggrieved persons who had an application to extend 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	303	281	306	371	342
Parent/Step-parent	41	29	22	37	32
Child/Step-child	144	212	246	300	391
Sibling	12	9	13	27	25
In-Laws	25	27	24	34	24
Other Relative	11	16	17	20	33
Intimate Personal Relationship	55	41	38	49	55
Non family member	154	142	182	159	147
Other relationship	22	16	19	21	24
Unknown relationship	2	0	2	1	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>769</i>	<i>773</i>	<i>869</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,073</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Domestic partner/Former domestic partner	39.4%	36.4%	35.2%	36.4%	31.9%
Parent/Step-parent	5.3%	3.8%	2.5%	3.6%	3.0%
Child/Step-child	18.7%	27.4%	28.3%	29.4%	36.4%
Sibling	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%	2.6%	2.3%
In-Laws	3.3%	3.5%	2.8%	3.3%	2.2%
Other Relative	1.4%	2.1%	2.0%	2.0%	3.1%
Intimate Personal Relationship	7.2%	5.3%	4.4%	4.8%	5.1%
Non family member	20.0%	18.4%	20.9%	15.6%	13.7%
Other relationship	2.9%	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%	2.2%
Unknown relationship	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	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>

## Relationships between aggrieved persons and defendants, continued

Figure 4.2

Number of aggrieved persons who had an application to extend an intervention order finalised, by their relationship to the defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

