

**Private Members' Resolution:**  
**Miss C. Y. Forde, M. P. – Member for St. Thomas**

WHEREAS the level of violence appears to be on the rise in Barbados and violent acts in particular instances of Domestic Violence and bullying are gaining increasing prominence;

AND WHEREAS it has been generally agreed that significant revision is necessary to the existing Domestic Violence (Protection Orders) Act to take account of the societal realities in Barbados and to make it more relevant to deal with the instances of Domestic Violence in Barbados;

AND WHEREAS despite numerous promises the draft Domestic Violence Legislation is yet to be brought before the Parliament of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the Government should acknowledge the increase in reported instances of bullying in Barbados and the disastrous consequences to and impact on the youth in Barbados;

AND WHEREAS these violent acts can lead to serious injury, loss of life, dislocation of families and has the potential to destroy the social fabric of Barbados;

AND WHEREAS the cost of treatment of persons:- victims, perpetrators and affected third parties – affected by these instances of violence is having a significant impact on our health, law enforcement and social services;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados should be mindful that a strong message must be sent and that the country needs to adopt a zero tolerance approach to violence in Barbados.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the amended Domestic Violence Legislation be laid and debated in the Parliament within 6 months of the tabling of this Resolution.
2. That a study be commissioned the remit of which should be to examine and report *inter alia* on the factors responsible for the increased instances of bullying (especially in schools) and to submit recommendations for the control and reduction of this phenomenon including legislative changes necessary to immediately curb its impact.
3. That the study on bullying be presented to Parliament within 3 months.

4. That within 6 months the Government of Barbados shall present to the country its strategic plan to control and counteract the problem of bullying in Barbados.
5. That this House denounce violence in all its forms and encourage a zero tolerance approach to Domestic Violence and bullying in Barbados.

*Notice of this Resolution was given on 13th May, 2014.*

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