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Dear Mr Storey,

To ask the Minister of Justice how many people were killed by a current or former partner in (i) H District; and (ii) Northern Ireland in each of the last five years, broken down by the (a) age; and (b) sex of the victim.

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The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

Between 2005/06 and 2009/10 there were 16 murders recorded in Northern Ireland which had a domestic motivation, and where the person clearing the crime was a current/former partner of the victim. Of these 16 murders, 8 of the victims were female, 8 were male, 5 were aged 17-29 years, 6 were aged 30-39 years and 5 were aged 40 years and over.

It is not possible to provide figures for H District separately as the numbers are too small and therefore potentially disclosive.

If you have any queries regarding this response, please address your correspondence to Command Secretariat, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT5 6LE.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,  
Handwritten signature of John McCaughan in black ink.

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