

Appendix B: Coding frame for the three-category typology of family violence and child abuse¹⁷⁶

Category A	Category B	Category C
<p>No category 2 or 3 allegations made The following features are present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No injuries noted ■ Outcomes not specified or outcomes confined to emotional upset and/or estrangement 	<p>No category 3 allegations made. All allegations had one of more of the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Any action, whether or not specifically reported, that resulted in a bruise, scratch or minor cut not requiring stitches ■ Kicking or use of an object other than a weapon³ (i.e. throwing an object, hitting with an object) resulting in no reported injury or a “low level” injury, such as a bruise or scratch ■ Threat to hit with an object ■ Intervention order noted ■ Stalking 	<p>One or more of the following present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Significant fear for one’s life or life of other family member(s) or individuals associated with the family ■ Any injury other than a scratch, bruise or minor cut not requiring stitches ■ Any injury that resulted in miscarriage, or injury to an unborn child ■ Use of or threat to use a weapon ■ Beating or threat to beat ■ Choking or threat to choke ■ Burning or threat to burn ■ Hitting with a fist or threatening to hit with a fist ■ Sexual assault or threat to sexually assault ■ Child abduction or threat of child abduction

¹⁷⁶ Based on categorisation of formal allegations made specifically in the context of proceedings in the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court (by case).