

## MWWT Comment

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Perjury, which is common in the Family Courts, tends to be skipped over by the courts as can be seen in our list of case histories. It includes Parental Alienation, False allegations of domestic abuse or child abuse. This is an issue which must be dealt with and there is proof shown below that some cases are picked up. It is not good enough that the Family Courts gloss over perjury. In short, it is not impossible to prosecute people for perjury in the Family Courts. This is vital to discourage people from making false allegations re domestic abuse, abuse of children etc.

## Family Courts: Perjury: Written question - 105283

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### Q

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**Ministry of Justice**

**Family Courts: Perjury**

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To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) men and (b) women were prosecuted for perjury in the family court in 2016.

### A

Answered by: [Dominic Raab](#)

Answered on: 09 October 2017

10 men and 6 women were prosecuted for perjury in the family court in England and Wales in 2016.

This information was obtained from a manual review of court case files that centrally held data indicated may be relevant, and as such has not been through the same quality assurance processes as for routinely published data.

These figures relate to persons for whom these offences were the principal offences for which they were dealt with. When a defendant has been found guilty of two or more offences it is the offence for which the heaviest penalty is imposed. Where the same disposal is imposed for two or more offences, the offence selected is the offence for which the statutory maximum penalty is the most severe.