

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

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**To:** Hon Selena Uibo

**Portfolio:** Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

**Agency:** Department of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

**Subject:** Victims of crime assistance unit funding

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### QUESTION:

Can you explain why your budget highlights state that there is \$1.5M additional funding for the victims of crime assistance unit, yet the columns and the actual budget say that the revised budget for 2021 was \$8.3M in the budget for this year is \$7.7M. That is the first part of the question.

Earlier today, we heard some information from your department that there was \$500,000 as a recovery for victims of crime, we just heard that there was \$100,000. I am confused where that actually lies and what the actual figure is.

### ANSWER:

Original Budget 2020-21	Revised Budget 2020-21	Budget 21-22
\$000	\$000	\$000
\$6 278	\$8 390	\$7 754

Crimes Victims Services Unit received \$1.5 million in additional appropriation ongoing from 2020-21, comprising of \$1.25 million for compensation payments and \$0.25 million for additional staff to reduce the backlog.

The reduction between the revised budget of \$8.390 million in 2020-21 and the Published Budget of \$7.754 million in 21-22 is \$0.636 million. The variation relates to:

- reduction for a one-off \$0.5 million in 2020-21 to access own-source revenue generated from Victims Assistance Scheme levies, derived from payment of infringement notices and court fines. .
- reduction for a one-off grant for \$0.112 million from the Commonwealth.
- reduction of \$38,000 to correct the application of the efficiency dividend and apply wage parameters and CPI.
- increase of \$14,000 in line with a Commonwealth funding agreement.

The \$100,000 relates to debts recovered from offenders who caused victims to receive assistance under the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2006*.