

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
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Portfolio: Chief Minister

Agency: Ombudsman's Office

Subject: Review of the Victims of Crime Assistance Act

QUESTION

In respect to the promised review of the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act*, who is conducting the review, when will it be finished and will it then be made public?

ANSWER

Work to review the Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2006, in accordance with section 70 of the Act, has been conducted by the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice.

In November 2018, a Discussion Paper was released on proposed reforms relating to victims of crime, including reform of the Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2006.

Following consultation, a report on victims of crime reforms was provided to the then Attorney General and Minister for Justice in August 2019. The review is complete.

Recommendations for reform are under consideration by Government. The report of the recommendations has not been publicly released but further work is underway on options to reduce backlog and reform the financial assistance scheme.