

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Carney

to Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

**Victims of Crime - legal costs and monies paid to victims**

I would be grateful if you would provide the answers to the following questions in relation to the Justice Department's Budget for 2004-05. In order to assist you, please note that this question relates to output group: **1.0 Legal Services (1.1: Solicitor for the NT)**.

1. In BP#3 for the year 2004-05, it is estimated that \$3.5m will be spent on assistance to victims of crime, reducing from \$4m in the 2003-04 year –
  - (a) What is the estimated break down of the \$3.5m in terms of legal costs and monies paid to victims;
  - (b) What were the costs of administering the Scheme in the 2002-03 financial year and what legal costs were paid during this period;
  - (c) What are the estimated costs of amending the Scheme in the 2003-04 financial year, and what is the expected amount for legal costs to be paid;
  - (d) How many applications and/or victims made claims for compensation in the following financial years:
    - I. 2001-02
    - II. 2002-03
    - III. 2003-04 (estimated)
  - (e) How much was paid in legal costs for applications during the financial year 2002-03 and what is the expected figure for the 2003-04 financial year;
  - (f) How many applications were heard by Judicial Registrars during the financial year 2002-03 and how many are expected to be heard by Judicial Registrars for the financial year 2003-04;
  - (g) How many applications were heard by Magistrates during the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03 and how many are expected to be heard by Magistrates for the 2003-04 financial year; and
  - (h) For the financial years 2002-03 and 2003-04 how many applications settled 'pre-Court', and how does this compare with applications for the financial year 2001-02.

**ANSWER**