

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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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: August 2019 review of the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2006*

QUESTION:

Minister, can you provide information on any recommendations that have been completed from the review that was handed to the government in August 2019?

ANSWER:

There were a number of recommendations in the report which would require legislative amendment to implement. Of the recommendations not requiring legislative amendment to implement:

- a number recommend retaining existing features of the current scheme and are already in place; and
- other recommendations have been partly implemented operationally by the Crime Victims Services Unit (CVSU).

Finally, in order to reduce wait times and to improve the outcomes and experience for applicants for financial assistance, the CVSU has received additional funding in the 2020-21 Budget of \$1.5 million ongoing. This includes funding for victims' payments and for additional CVSU staff.