

Simplified Pathway for Victims of Crime Compensation

Mr GEORGE question to MINISTER for JUSTICE, CORRECTIONS and REHABILITATION

A constituent raises deep concerns about the delays and retraumatising treatment of victims of crime within Tasmania's justice system, particularly for survivors of family sexual abuse. Survivors are often required to repeatedly justify their experiences despite substantial evidence of harm. My constituent asks for a separation of victims of crime compensation matters into specialised streams to reduce delays and improve consistency; the creation of a simplified pathway for compensation claims arising from sexual abuse where there has been a criminal conviction to reduce lengthy and distressing assessment processes; and trained trauma-informed workers within the Justice Department to improve how victims and survivors are supported through the process, particularly in cases of sexual abuse. Will the Government commit to making these important changes to the system?