

CLAUSE NOTES

Victims of Crime Assistance Amendment (Funeral Expenses) Bill 2015

- Clause 1: Short Title of the Bill
- Clause 2: Commencement on Royal Assent
- Clause 3: Title of Principal Act
- Clause 4: Inserts a new subsection (1A) in section 4 – Basis of awards of compensation – to provide that a person who has incurred or is reasonably likely to incur funeral expenses in respect of the death of a primary victim may be awarded compensation under the Act.
- Inserts a new section (1B) to make it clear that funeral expenses are only to be awarded in respect of criminal conduct resulting in death that occurs after the commencement of new section (1A).
- Makes consequential amendments to sections 4(3)(b) and 4(4)(b) to clarify that funeral expenses are not to be taken into account in respect of compensation awarded to secondary or related victims.
- Clause 5: Makes an amendment to section 6A(1) to clarify that an amount awarded in respect of funeral expenses under new section 4(1A) is not included in the total amount otherwise awarded to a secondary or related victim.
- Limits the maximum amount of compensation awarded under new section 4(1A) to a prescribed amount. Initially this will be set at \$10,000.
- Provides that, if more than one person incurs funeral expenses, the total amount awarded to all persons is not to exceed the prescribed amount.
- Clause 6: Repeals the amending Act 365 days after the amendments become part of the Principal Act.