

FACT SHEET

Victims of Crime Assistance Amendment (Funeral Expenses) Bill 2015

This Bill amends the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1976* to provide for an award of compensation to cover payment of the funeral expenses of a primary victim who dies as a result of a violent offence.

The award will apply to any death of a primary victim that occurs after the commencement of the new section.

The maximum amount that may be awarded will be prescribed by regulation and will initially be \$10 000.

The compensation for funeral expenses will be paid to the person or persons who incur the cost of the funeral.

Compensation to cover funeral expenses is payable in addition to any award to secondary or related victim or victims.