

Western Australia

Criminal Injuries Compensation Amendment Bill 2003

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(Introduced by Ms Walker)

**Criminal Injuries Compensation Amendment
Bill 2003**

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1985*.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

1. Short title

5 This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Injuries Compensation
Amendment Act 2003*.

2. Commencement

This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it
receives the Royal Assent.

3. Principal Act

In this Act the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1985* is referred to as the principal Act.

4. Section 20 amended

5 Section 20 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) in subsection (1) by deleting “\$15 000, or such other” and substituting the following —

“ \$75 000, or such greater ”;

(b) by inserting at the end of subsection (2) the following —

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unless the offences or alleged offences were against two or more persons

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(c) by inserting after subsection (3) the following —

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(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, where an application is made under this Act for compensation for injury or loss suffered by 2 or more persons in consequence of the commission of an offence or alleged offence or 2 or more offences or alleged offences against those persons the Chief Assessor may, in determining that application, award more than the prescribed maximum amount referred to in subsection (1) in the aggregate in respect of an offence or alleged offence or all of the offences or alleged offences.

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(5) The provisions of subsection (4) shall apply to any application determined after 1 July 2003 and the Chief Assessor shall, on the written request of the applicant, make a fresh determination in relation to any application

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determined between 1 July 2003 and the commencement of the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Amendment Act 2003*.

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