

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (No. E223)

(Introduced by Ms Walker, MLA)

- Clause 1** **Short Title**
Provides for the Act to be cited as the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Amendment Act 2003*.
- Clause 2** **Commencement**
This clause provides for the Act to come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- Clause 3** **Principal Act**
This clause is self explanatory.
- Clause 4** **Section 20 amended**
Subclause (1) amends s20(1) by raising the amount of compensation payable to victims of crime for injuries suffered by them from the currently proclaimed maximum of \$50,000 to \$75,000. The sum of \$15,000 referred to in the Act was increased by amendment to Regulation 12(1)(b) of the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Regulations 1985*.
- Subclause (3) and (4) amends s20(2) and inserts a new s20(4) to allow all the victims of a crime to make separate claims for assessment. It also inserts a new s20(5) which ensures that any application determined after 1 July 2003 and prior to the commencement of the Act can on the written request of the applicant be the subject of a fresh determination.
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