

## INQUIRY INTO SUPPORT PROVIDED TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

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There needs to be a dedicated support person to next of kin of victims who have been killed in any crime related incident. Victims families need help from day one in every aspect related with a fatality that range from the smallest to the largest issues. Such as help in progressing with the trauma and initial shock of losing loved ones. What to do next? Funeral arrangements Access to bank accounts PIN numbers for accounts, computers, phones etc. Visitations of support personnel/counselling and the like. ( not phones calls at various times). From personal experience these are useless Programs available for ongoing support and counseling Payments and assistance programs available None of these were explained to us, and are still unaware of what could be assisting us during this period . Neither my wife or myself have worked since the deaths of our son, partner and unborn child on Australia Day, 2021. We have had limited counselling, and still struggle everyday, more than 2 years after the event. Hearing and court cases need to be as soon as possible after the event. In our case more that 12 months, than an appeal. 27months later we still not have closure. It appears more support is available for the perpetrators than what is available for victims. THIS NEEDS TO CHANGE