1. The Victims of Crime Assistance Bill 2009 repeals the *Criminal Offence Victims Act 1995*.
2. The Bill provides for a new victims financial assistance scheme. The new scheme will focus on victim recovery by paying for, or reimbursing the costs of goods and services that the victim requires to help them recover from the physical and psychological effects of an act of violence. It aims to provide a tailored, needs-based response and allows for earlier intervention in the victim’s recovery, rather than provision of a general award of compensation based on the type of injury they suffered.
3. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Victims of Crime Assistance Bill 2009 into the Legislative Assembly.
4. *Attachments* -

* [Victims of Crime Assistance Bill 2009](Attachments/VictimsCrAssBill09.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/VictimsCrAssB09%20Exp%20Notes.pdf)