

INVESTING IN GROWING DEMAND

In our community through the private profession,
community legal centres and our staff

AN EXTRA **\$7.7M** EXPENDITURE TO MEET GROWING DEMAND FOR LEGAL AID



Focus on improving...

- > Family violence
- > Child protection
- > Family law
- > Summary and youth crime services

7%
MORE GRANTS OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Most delivered by private practitioners with \$3.6M in extra case expenditure

9%
Expansion of youth diversion

14%
Child protection
More child protection workers

7%
Summary crime
More police, expansion of drug court

11%
Family violence
Increased policing of family violence

Predict a deficit at end of 2016-17 without additional investment

20,000
MORE CALLS TO LEGAL HELP

RESPOND
TO THE FAMILY VIOLENCE ROYAL COMMISSION AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE REVIEW

Investing in timely intervention, especially for children and young people

- > New youth crime strategy and more young people diverted from criminal justice system.
- > More support for vulnerable families with better child protection services and family law guidelines.
- > Coordinated early assistance for legacy caseload asylum seekers.



Match services to the needs and abilities of clients

- > Keep our clients safe with a new framework to help staff work with clients who are at risk.
- > Bigger, modernised Legal Help.
- > Better services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



Maximise benefits by working with others

- > Increased access to justice in the Mallee and state's North East.
- > A review to make our means test simpler, fairer and easier to understand, and expand eligibility.
- > Evaluate and improve summary crime.



Working together better

- > More flexible ways of working with new technology to improve client services.
- > Investment in staff engagement and wellbeing.
- > Transition to new CBD premises.
- > Continued support for the private profession, community legal centres and staff to continue providing high quality service.

