Legal Aid receive $1 million additional funding from Territory Government

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The Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission (Legal Aid) has received an additional $1 million in funding from the Northern Territory Government to assist with the increase in case loads. This increase in funding is in addition to the $1.53 million Federal injection into this financial year’s budget.

Legal Aid approached the Attorney-General expressing concern that the increase in case loads had made it difficult to work within funding parameters and services would, regretfully, be limited moving forward.

"Legal Aid fulfills an important function in our community, ensuring those who cannot afford legal services still receive it," Attorney-General John Elferink said.

“I thank the Treasurer who agreed to release $1 million additional funding for Legal Aid after seeing the importance of this issue.”

Following the advice of additional funding the services were immediately reinstated.

The Director of Legal Aid welcomed the additional funding as it enables the Commission to fulfill its statutory obligations.

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