

# STATE BUDGET

## 2019-20

### ATTORNEY-GENERAL HON VICKIE CHAPMAN MP MEDIA RELEASE

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#### **Extra \$1 million for Director of Public Prosecutions**

As part of its 2019-20 State Budget, the Marshall Liberal Government has committed an extra \$1 million to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for the prosecution of complex criminal cases.

The extra funding is needed to ensure the DPP can properly prosecute significant and lengthy cases.

Attorney-General, Vickie Chapman said in 2019-20, the DPP expects to undertake a number of very large, complex and sensitive matters which take up more resources, attention and time.

“The nature and magnitude of these trials take a great toll on the DPP and I am delighted to be in a position to grant them additional funding for these complex matters,” Ms Chapman said.

“As Attorney-General I am committed to help maintain the community’s faith in our justice system and helping the DPP prosecute these complex and lengthy cases, which are in the public interest, will go a long way in ensuring justice is served.”

The allocation of additional funds acknowledges that there are certain prosecutions which cannot be undertaken by the DPP within its existing resources.

The complexity and size of some cases requires the DPP to dedicate senior prosecutors, supported by a team, for an extended period of time.

The commitment of additional resources will enable the DPP to continue to effectively prosecute serious crimes on behalf of the State.

The extra funding allocated to the DPP is for the 2019-20 financial year.