



STUART GRIMLEY MP

Member for Western Victoria
State Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party



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Horsham Domestic Violence Accommodation Funding

Last week the State Budget was released and a project Stuart Grimley fought extremely hard for was funded in Horsham.

Horsham will benefit from \$100,000 in the State Budget. \$80,000 will go towards crisis accommodation upgrades to existing facilities which will be operated by the Wimmera Health Group. A further \$20,000 has been committed to additional CCTV around the accommodation facility which domestic violence survivor and advocate Simone O'Brien has been calling for over many months.

In addition to the above, there is ongoing funding for family counselling services in Horsham which will be expanded in the 2019/2020 financial year with a funding amount to be determined.

Stuart has stated he will be holding the Government to their word to ensure the upgrades are carried out.

Within the budget, Stuart also welcomes greater funding for family counselling services in regional Victoria.

Stuart has said this is great news for the Horsham community and domestic violence survivors who shouldn't face more barriers after going through horrible abusive situations.

Quotes attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

"In my previous role as a Police Officer, I was often confronted with family violence incidents that resulted in the affected family member having to escape to family home to seek refuge. On many occasions, this was a process that took far too many hours and often resulted in accommodation that was simply not appropriate to the help those in need.

I'd also like to congratulate local domestic violence advocate Simone O'Brien, who has used her story to educate women on the signs to look out for and strategies to employ to help stop domestic abuse.

Simone and the members of the Wimmera Health Centre in partnership with White Ribbon continued hard work in advocating for better crisis accommodation in Horsham has assisted in this funding becoming reality.

I look forward to being able to continue to advocate for all domestic violence survivors to ensure that much needed resources and funding continues."