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Joint Media Statement: Funding certainty to help Law Access meet pro bono demand

Law Access and its founder and parent body, the Law Society of Western Australia, welcome the WA Government's announcement of \$250,000 funding for Law Access per annum for four years (indexed).

Law Access matches applications for legal help from vulnerable and financially disadvantaged members of the community to lawyers and legal firms willing to provide their services free of charge.

Law Access Chairman Malcolm McCusker QC said: "This funding follows a 30% increase in demand for pro bono legal assistance from the community. It provides a welcome anchor providing Law Access with some much-needed certainty in order to develop a sustainably funded service."

Law Society President Jocelyne Boujos also celebrated the funding announcement saying: "Law Access provides a vital safety net for vulnerable Western Australians facing legal problems where no funded legal assistance is available. As the voice of the legal profession in Western Australia, the Law Society is proud to have established and to continue to support this valuable community service."

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