

SUPPORT AFTER MURDER INC.

"moving on with support"

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE 23rd NOVEMBER 2015

Most trials occur in Sydney where Victims Services (VS) have ample representation. My organisation feels that on completion of the sentencing the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions should notify Victims Services (VS) and families and friends should be contacted by VS and informed that they have been placed on the Corrective Services Victims Register or the Mental Health Victims Register whichever is applicable.

This also gives VS the opportunity to assess whether the families and friends need additional counselling.

" Are there any particular recommendations that you would like to see this committee consider in this inquiry?"

The main recommendation is that the "opt out" system should be adopted.
Richard Leonard attended a psychological course!.....a complete waste of money!!

I have just spoken to Lisa Dempsey...Stephen's sister and explained that I am on the Victims' Register she said she didn't know anything about it and agrees to an "Opt out " system.