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### **NEW REWARDS SYSTEM TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY FOR VICTIMS' FAMILIES**

Rewards of up to \$1 million will be offered under a revised offence-based system, following a review conducted by the NSW Police Force and Department of Justice.

Minister for Police Troy Grant said the model provides for greater reward amounts, more certainty for families of victims, and aligns NSW more closely to reward systems in other jurisdictions.

“The process of determining a reward remains firmly an operational matter for the NSW Police Force, however it is important we bring our system more closely into line with the models that have been introduced in other states,” Mr Grant said.

“The new approach will provide certainty, but in no way weaken the current role performed by the Rewards Evaluation Advisory Committee (REAC), in advising if and when a reward should be offered and considering whether a claim for a reward should be supported.

“There is, regrettably, an erroneous public perception that the quantum of a reward in some way reflects the ‘worth’ of a victim of crime.

“I stress to victims, their families, and the NSW community generally, a reward does not indicate that one person or case is worth ‘more’ or ‘less’ than another or that police are putting ‘more’ or ‘less’ effort into one investigation over another.”

As the rewards system is an operational matter for the NSW Police Force, the changes can be implemented without legislative amendment.

REAC Chair, NSW Police Force Assistant Commissioner Mark Jenkins, said the schedule will be applied by the committee to determine amounts for applications before making recommendations to the Minister for Police.

“We welcome the new schedule, and it will be applied by REAC when considering new applications from our next meeting, which is later this week,” Assistant Commissioner Jenkins said.

“While the schedule will not be applied retrospectively, an application can be made to the committee with a view to increase a reward amount under the new schedule if it is of

immediate benefit to an investigation.”

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