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Interview with James Farrell, Director, Community Legal Centres Queensland. Young talks about last year's incidents of domestic violence around the Gold Coast. She says that this day last year, Tyra Brown was allegedly attacked by her former partner. She died in the hospital a couple of days after the attack. Young also notes about the terrible shooting at McDonalds in Helensvale where Karen Lock lost her life and the man who had been her partner had turned the gun on himself. She says that today, there are reports that Community Legal Centres on the Gold Coast are having to turn away victims of domestic violence and says that there are just too much demand but there are not enough money coming in to fund these Community Legal Centres. The Robina Community Legal Centre is reportedly turning away about 300 victims of domestic violence every year. Young asks Farrel about the current situation for the Community Legal Centres and he admits that these organisations are really struggling under demands. He notes that Queensland has 33 Legal Centres across the State and last year, they've helped about 57,000 clients in all the Centres but they've also turned away more than 60,000 who come in seeking for help. Young notes that just last week, the Robina Community Legal Centre won the Pro Bono Program of the Year award and yet they find themselves in a situation where they have to refuse help for victims of domestic violence and Farrel explains that Robina have no Government funding at all and they rely entirely on volunteers. Young asks if the South Port Centre receives any Government funding and he agrees, he adds that they employ five lawyers within the Centre.

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