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Interviewees: James Farrell, Director, Community Legal Centres Queensland

Queensland community legal centres say there has been a 600% increase in people seeking help for domestic violence support in the past five years. Community legal centres in the State took on more than 4,400 domestic violence cases last year, up from just over 600 in 2011. There was also a significant increase in the number of people looking for information of basic support in that period. James Farrell, Director, Community Legal Centres Queensland, says they helped more than 60,000 people last financial year but that is still short compared to the numbers looking for help. He says funding cuts which will take effect in July will further reduce the number of people that they can help.