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G'day Matthew

This is from our refugee policy <<https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2018-11/8.2%20Compassion%20for%20Refugees.pdf>>, which we released in Victoria with Julian Burnside on 5 March:

In 2018 the Government began cutting status resolution support service (SRSS) payments for people who are living in the community on temporary visas, or who are in community detention while their application for refugee status is assessed. The SRSS program also provided casework support for housing, as well as trauma and torture counselling.

Cutting this program has shifted the costs from the government to already struggling charity, community, and health sectors.

The Greens' plan will restore the SRSS at the same rate as Newstart, to ensure all recent arrivals can fully participate and integrate with Australian communities.

It's also worth noting that as this policy also abolishes temporary protection visas, these payments would only apply to people in community detention waiting on their applications for refugee status and permanent protection visas to be assessed, so there would be far fewer people requiring SRSS payments, and for much shorter periods.

I hope this helps. If you have any further questions on this, please call me on [number removed].

Cheers

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