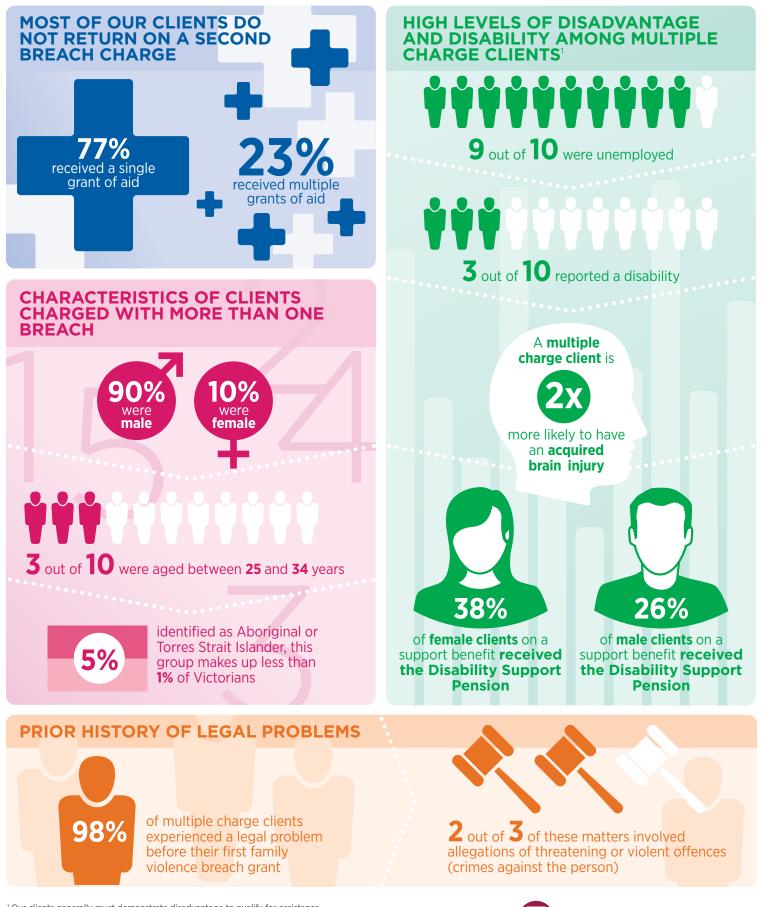
Characteristics of legally aided respondents charged with breaches of family violence intervention orders



Victoria Legal Aid

¹ Our clients generally must demonstrate disadvantage to qualify for assistance.

This research examined data taken over seven years to 2015 to reveal the common characteristics of more than 15,000 clients charged with breaching family violence intervention orders². It was undertaken with the aim of helping Victoria Legal Aid and other services dealing with family violence to identify those more likely to keep using family violence, respond more effectively to reduce the risk of it continuing, and better promote victim safety.

RESPONDING TO DEMAND IN FAMILY VIOLENCE

- In 2014–15, VLA and community legal centres provided more than **21,100 duty lawyer services** for family violence intervention orders. However, between VLA and community legal centres, lawyers were only able to assist 39 per cent of people who were eligible for help..
- Over the last five years there has been a **24 per cent increase** in family violence duty lawyer services and a **173 per cent increase** in duty lawyer services for breaches of intervention orders.
- Family violence calls to our Legal Help phone line **almost doubled** over four years.

² Data related to clients receiving legal advice, duty lawyer services or a grant of aid.