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Courts benefit from the 2019-20 State Budget

In a move that is set to save the taxpayer millions of dollars, the State Government will purchase the Sir Samuel Way Building in Victoria Square.

The \$43.5 million purchase will see the site come into State Government hands and cease the obligation for the Courts Administration Authority to pay rent to use the building, resulting in savings of more than \$6 million per annum.

Attorney-General, Vickie Chapman said the new acquisition will deliver significant ongoing savings to the taxpayer.

The Sir Samuel Way Building is currently being upgraded as part of the Higher Courts redevelopment, an investment of \$31 million in the court system.

The Government is working with Funds SA to progress the purchase, which will be finalised prior to 30 June 2019.

The 2019-20 State Budget has also allocated \$591,000 to configure and implement a state-wide in-court document management system (Judge View), leading to more efficient ways of doing business.

"Judge View capability enables court files to be stored and managed electronically, moving away from a labour intensive, manual and paper-based system," Ms Chapman said.

"This will lead to a far more efficient digital system and will result in improvements in the management of cases and information in chambers and in court."

"One of my major objectives when becoming Attorney-General was to ensure the community's faith in our justice system is maintained, and I'm pleased to be able to help the CAA ensure it has the resources to do that."

