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Report lin poverty with poor health

By JO CHANDLER, medical reporter

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Homeless prove One Nation

By RUSSELL SKELTON

Single mothers live in poverty

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Single mum Samantha Williams with her mother

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By FIONA CARRU

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More young migrants grow up in poverty-stricken homes

By JE FER SEXTON

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ney Morning Herald

Millions living in poverty: report

By MARK RILEY in Canberra

More than 2 million Australians lived in poverty in 1990 after they had paid their housing costs, a major report on social welfare has found.

They included almost half of all single-parent families, a quarter of all renters and a quarter of all people younger than 24 years.

As a result, more than 600,000 households — or one in every 10 Australian homes — received some form of housing assistance and 13,000 homeless people were sheltered in supported accommodation.

The report, Australian Welfare 1995, Service and Assistance, defined the poverty line as $287.57 a week for a standard family after housing costs had been ded Compiled by the Institute of Health and released yest provided the G first comprehe the count It also unmet ne uch as k ing, ng

Mr Howe ... disturbing problems to consider.

cases of child abuse and neglect were reported in 1990-91.

Mr Howe said the increasing aging of Australian society, addressed in the report, presented new problems for the social welfare system but should be put in perspective.

He said only 3 per cent of people aged 65 and over lived in nursing homes, with a figure of 20 per cent for people aged over 85.

"The institute's report shows that through a redistribution of resources we have been able to ... minister

One billion people live in poverty worldwide

The World

TWENTY

Judge slams child poverty inaction

By RACHEL HAYES

THE Chief Judge of the Fam Court, Justice Nicholson, criticised Australian govern ments yesterday, saying they were obsessed with economic rationalism and said gaps there and were doing little to stop children being caused to poverty.

Speaking at a South Coast Club in Canberra, Justice Nicholson said the Australian Government had allowed the social welfare system to fall behind the rest of the world.

The National President, Mr Ken Coleman, said that he agreed with Justice Nicholson and that governments had to be more concerned with people rather than balance sheets.

Mr Coleman said a South Coast Group of Australian Governments had allowed the social welfare system to fall behind that of other countries, which was the main problem facing the country.

Even if there was a South Coast Group of Australian Governments, it would be unable to make reforms from government to a target achieved by early intervention strategies such as ...

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He said governments had a responsibility to provide adequate childcare and prevent families at risk from that people can afford.

They should be looking at ... providing social service problems for children, and caregivers ... including child support schemes to ... children.

Even in relation to the Family Court itself it has been and is a constant struggle to obtain resources from government to a target achieved by early intervention strategies such as ...

Justice Nicholson said the ... the public and the media for the ... international organisations ... criticisms made by some judges ... actual human needs.

These included judgments by Victorian County Court Judge Jennifer ... when sentencing a man convicted of raping a prostitute in his car. He said that the severity of the crime was "manifestly lower than would have been the case if the victim would have been a decent woman."

They also included comments by Victorian Supreme Court ...

Justice Nicholson said ...

Justice Nicholson and Barbara ...

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