



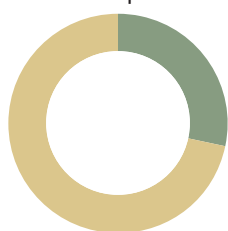
Quarterly Progress Update – Keeping Children Safe Reform

For period 1 February 2025 to 30 April 2025

Commission of Inquiry Recommendations

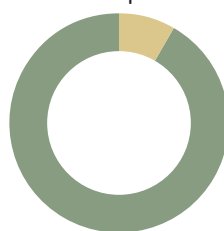
All recommendations

137 In Progress
54 Completed



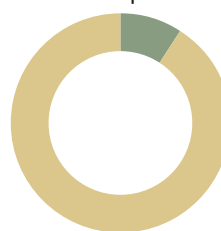
Phase 1

4 In Progress
44 Completed



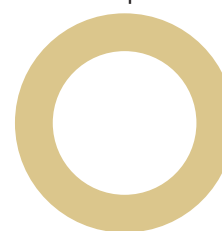
Phase 2

100 In Progress
10 Completed

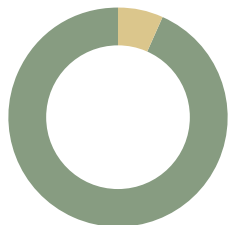


Phase 3

33 In Progress
0 Completed



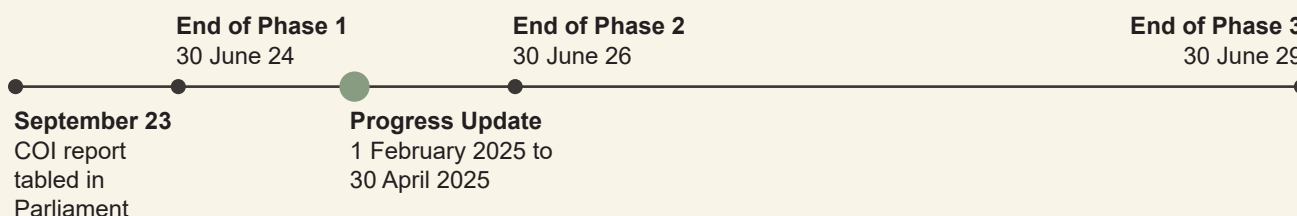
Interim Response Actions



2 In Progress
28 Completed

■ In Progress
■ Completed

Timeline



More information about the recommendations is available on the Keeping Children Safe website
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Progress overview

The Keeping Children Safe Reform Program Quarterly Report covers:

- the Government's Response to the 191 recommendations of the *Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings* (Commission of Inquiry)
- the 30 interim actions announced by the Tasmanian Government prior to the finalisation of the Commission of Inquiry's report.


The Government's Response to the Commission of Inquiry is divided into three phases:

- Phase 1: Ended 30 June 2024
- Phase 2: Runs until 30 June 2026 (current focus)
- Phase 3: Will end 30 June 2029

What's the current status?

- 54 recommendations (28 per cent of the total) have been completed so far
- 28 out of 30 interim actions are now finished

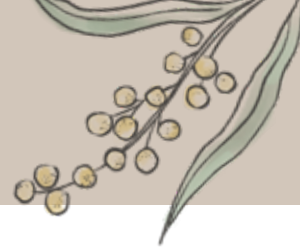
Progress is being made across a wide range of recommendations (see **progress highlights** below).



28%

Since the Commission's report was released, 54 of the 191 recommendations have been completed.

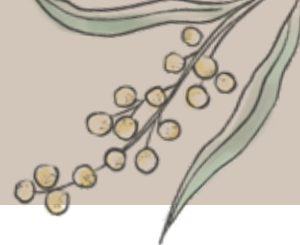
More information about the recommendations is available on the Keeping Children Safe website keepingchildrensafe.tas.gov.au/recommendation-status



Progress update for period 1 February 2025 to 30 April 2025

Agencies are undertaking a range of actions to keep children safe. The following are some of the key steps taken over the last quarter:

- On 18 March 2025, the Tasmanian Government released [Change for Children](#), a 10-year Strategy to protect children and young people by preventing, identifying and responding to child sexual abuse. The Strategy was shaped by feedback from more than 450 organisations and individuals—including victim-survivors, their supporters, children and young people. This was done through workshops and consultation using a co-design process.
- [Changes to the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Scheme](#) began on 1 April 2025 to strengthen rules for workers, volunteers and organisations who work with vulnerable people, including children and young people.
- The Department for Education, Children and Young People launched a new [Conduct and Behaviour Policy to help keep children and young people safe](#). It sets clear expectations for how staff should behave, including how they should interact with children and young people.
- The [Witness Intermediaries Panel](#) was expanded to give extra support to witnesses in child sexual abuse cases who have difficulty communicating.
- Our Voice Our Vision, the young people's consultation group run at Ashley Youth Detention Centre, successfully worked to get [better-quality trainers](#) and later bedtimes.
- The Department of Premier and Cabinet funded and supported [Courageous Conversations](#), a two-day symposium that brought together victim-survivors, service providers, researchers, community leaders, and policymakers to learn and talk about child sexual abuse in Tasmania.
- The Department of Health, Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department for Education, Children and Young People [attended Agfest](#) to promote agency and whole-of-government child safety initiatives.
- Tasmania Police launched a new community outreach van called Poli. Poli helps connect communities who need support or who have traditionally had little or no opportunity to engage with Tasmania Police with police services and information.
- The Department for Education, Children and Young People completed another [successful Safeguarding Training campaign](#), with 92 per cent of staff completing the training.
- The Department of Justice launched the new [Registration to Work with Vulnerable People website](#) to make the registration process easier. The website also provides accessible information to help people and organisations understand their responsibilities and keep up to date with changes to the scheme.
- The Department of Health has recruited more members to the [Children and Young People Advisory Group](#), with meetings held in February and April.



Progress on recommendations

Agencies are continuing to make progress in implementing Commission of Inquiry recommendations. A further eight recommendations were identified as complete during the reporting period.

Recommendation 12.3

- The Commission's report said that that no person who has been detained at Ashley Youth Detention Centre should be detained or imprisoned in any redeveloped adult facility at the same site unless the person expresses a preference for this to occur.
- The Government has made a formal direction to prevent this.

Recommendation 16.16

- The Commission of Inquiry recommended additional training be provided to judicial officers on child sexual abuse and trauma-informed practice.
- A new law (the [Judicial Commissions Act 2024](#)) has been passed and funding provided to train statutory officers.

Recommendation 16.7

- The Commission's report said there should be clearer, more accessible processes for reporting and responding to allegations of child sexual abuse involving Tasmania Police.
- The Tasmania Police website has been updated to provide more ways to make a formal complaint, including a [web portal](#).
- The Police Family Violence Review Committee, led by an Independent Chair, now has a broader role and is called the Police Family and Sexual Violence Review Committee.

Recommendation 17.6

- The Commission called for improved processes for supporting victim-survivors with financial assistance and support services.
- More staff have been hired to help reduce delays and progress applications in a trauma-informed way.
- All counsellors at the Victims of Crime Service have completed specialist trauma training. Staff at Victims Support Services and independent Criminal Injuries Compensation Commissioners have received trauma awareness training.

Recommendation 18.14

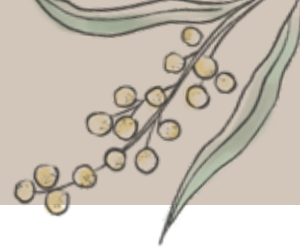
- The Commission called for clearer information on the role of oversight bodies.
- An [interim Guide to Tasmanian Oversight Bodies](#) was released in March.
- The Guide will be revisited following the establishment of the new Commission for Children and Young People and updated as required.

Recommendation 19.6

- The Commission called for clearer options to notify reportable behaviour under the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Scheme.
- The [Justice Miscellaneous \(Reporting Procedures\) Bill 2025](#) will make it clear that anyone can report concerns to the Registrar of the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Scheme.

Recommendation 21.5

- The Commission called for increased support to victim-survivors through the Victims of Crime Service.
- More funding has made it possible to hire more trauma counsellors for the Victims of Crime Service.
- There are now two counsellors in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie, with a third to be employed in Hobart.



Recommendation 19.5

- The Commission called for improved engagement by policymakers with children, young people and victim-survivors.
- A new group called the Victim-Survivor Advisory Group has been formed. This group started training and onboarding in early 2025. The group gives adults who have experienced abuse an opportunity to help shape policy.
- The Government is also improving how it engages with children and young people, including through the Premier's Youth Advisory Council and the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Voices for Tasmanian Youth group.

Phase 1 update

Two projects, related to four Phase 1 recommendations, were still in progress at the end of the reporting cycle. These are:

A new Commission for Children and Young People – recommendations 18.4 and 18.6

- Work on a Bill to establish the new Commission is underway.
- The [What We Heard Report](#), which summarises the key themes and ideas shared during the targeted consultation sessions on the [draft Bill](#), was released in April.

Professional conduct policies – recommendations 20.2 and 20.4

- The process to make changes to the *State Service Act 2000* is ongoing and will be informed by the outcomes of the Woolcott Review.

How to stay informed

- Quarterly progress updates can be read on both the ['What the Tasmanian Government is doing' page](#) and the ['Recommendation status' page](#), where the status of all recommendations can be found.
- Please [subscribe](#) to the Keeping Children Safe e-newsletter to stay informed and to get regular updates on what the government is doing.