



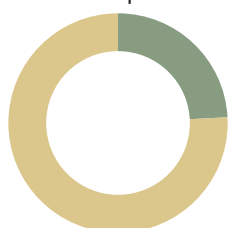
Quarterly Progress Update – Keeping Children Safe Reform

For period 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025

Commission of Inquiry Recommendations

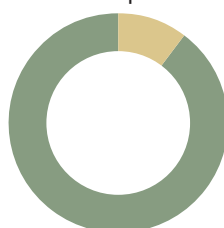
All recommendations

145 In Progress
46 Completed



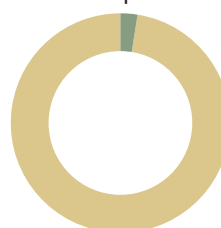
Phase 1

5 In Progress
43 Completed



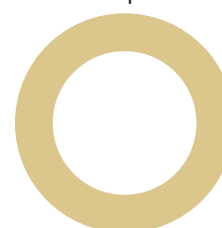
Phase 2

107 In Progress
3 Completed

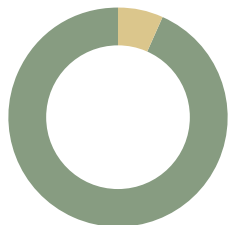


Phase 3

33 In Progress
0 Completed



Interim Response Actions



2 In Progress
28 Completed

■ In Progress
■ Completed

Timeline

End of Phase 1
30 June 24

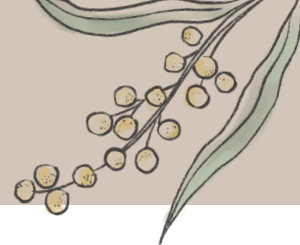
September 23
COI report
tabled in
Parliament

End of Phase 2
30 June 26

Progress Update
1 November 2024 to
31 January 2025

End of Phase 3
30 June 29

More information about the recommendations is
available on the Keeping Children Safe website
www.keepingchildrensafe.tas.gov.au



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?

- 46 recommendations (24 per cent of the total) have been completed so far
- 28 out of 30 interim actions are now finished

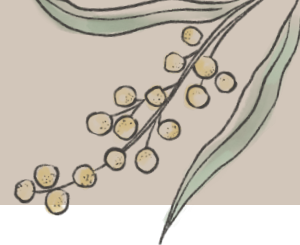
We are in the early stages of Phase 2 of the Government Response. Progress is being made across a wide range of recommendations (see progress highlights following).



24%

Just over 17 months since the Commission's report was released, 46 recommendations have been completed. This is almost one quarter of all recommendations.

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



Current actions – progress update for period 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025

107 Phase 2 recommendations are currently being worked on.

Listening to children and young people and victim-survivors

- A new group called the Victim-Survivor Advisory Group has been formed. This group will have their first meeting in early 2025 and will give those who have experienced abuse the opportunity to inform policy (recommendation 19.5).
- The Department of Health is adding new members to its Young People Advisory Group. Expressions of interest recently closed and new members will start in early 2025 (recommendation 15.10).
- The [Child and Youth Empowerment Team](#) in the Department for Education, Children and Young People continued work to uphold child rights, including through the development of its Participation and Empowerment Strategy and [Youth Voice Survey](#) for 12 to 17 year olds in out of home care (recommendations 9.6 and 12.8).

Improving engagement and support

- The Sexual Assault Support Service and Laurel House have been funded to support children and adult victim-survivors of child sexual abuse to get the support they need faster (recommendation 21.4).

Youth Justice Reform and Uplifting Care

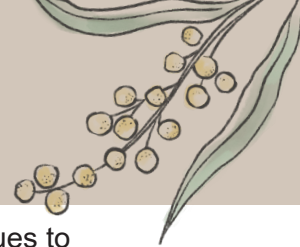
- The new [Youth Justice Model of Care and its Implementation Plan](#) was released on 10 December 2024 (recommendation 12.18).
- An independent review of the trial of Body Worn Cameras at Ashley Youth Detention Centre was completed. (recommendation 12.17).
- Work progressed on the Child Safety and Out of Home Care Model of Care, and the Strategic Plan for the Out of Home Care System (and supporting action plan), with consultation set to occur in the first half of 2025 (recommendations 9.9 and 9.18).

Consultations on new Justice reforms

- The [Justice Legislation Amendment \(Evidence and Integrity Commission Reforms\) Bill 2024](#) was released for public consultation in late 2024.

Enhancing State Service culture and workforce

- The Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management is delivering the inaugural Sexual Abuse Response and Investigation Course for specialist police officers (recommendation 16.3).
- Training on trauma-informed practices has been provided to legal practitioners at the State Litigation Office and law firms that are working on abuse in care litigation. New guidelines for this work will be shared publicly soon (recommendation 17.2).
- In January 2025, the Department for Education, Children and Young People updated and released two important training courses for all staff: Mandatory Reporting training and Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training (recommendation 6.4 and 6.5).
- The Department of Health developed a Child Safety and Wellbeing Training and Education Strategy in 2024. This strategy is now in final draft. It outlines ongoing knowledge and skill requirements for all staff, volunteers, students, and contractors to safeguard children and young people. (recommendation 15.15).
- The Department of Health is developing a new statewide Mandatory Reporting Protocol to improve child abuse reporting. The Mandatory Reporting Working Group was established in late 2024 to strengthen reporting practices (recommendation 15.15 and 15.6).



Ongoing actions

Three projects, related to five Phase 1 recommendations, were still in progress at the end of the reporting cycle, with agencies focused on ensuring they deliver all required outcomes to meet the Commission's intent. These are:

A new Commission for Children and Young People

- Feedback on the draft Bill closed on 15 December 2024. Responses are currently being considered (recommendations 18.4 and 18.6).

Professional conduct policies

- While these recommendations are almost complete, work to make the recommended changes to the *State Service Act 2000* is ongoing (recommendations 20.2 and 20.4).

User friendly guide to complaints

- An interim Guide to Tasmanian Oversight Bodies, by the Offices of the Independent Regulator, Integrity Commission, Ombudsman, Registration to Work with Vulnerable People and the Commissioner for Children and Young People is in the final stages of development (recommendation 18.14).

In addition to progressing Phase 2 recommendations, agencies are to undertake a range of actions to keep children safe. This includes work to refine and embed responses from Phase 1 and actions that go beyond the Commission's recommendations. Key actions from the past quarter include:

- The Tell Someone campaign was relaunched to strengthen child protection in Tasmania by equipping people to detect, respond to and act on signs of abuse.
- The first [Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor](#) commenced and will play a critical role in overseeing reforms to keep children safe in Tasmania. The Monitor is already working with agencies to support reform efforts.
- The Department of Justice released [30 Lessons and Counting](#), a new creative resource showcasing critical lessons from the lived experience advisory panel.

- The Department of Health continues to [embed child safety messaging and tools for staff and make messages more accessible for children and young people, including by engaging children, young people](#) and staff in a range of interactive activities during Children's Week.
- Tasmania Police rolled out new [soft interview rooms](#)—purpose-designed spaces to enable victim-survivors to share their experiences in a safe, supporting setting.
- [Libraries Tasmania](#) is bolstering the safety of children and young people across our public library network, including through clearer signage and awareness-raising activities and improved training for staff.
- The [Ashley Youth Detention Centre Young Person Consultation Group](#) is providing a forum for children and young people in detention to form and express their views, make requests, raise questions and express concerns.
- The Voices for Tasmanian Youth Consultative Council co-created a [communications checklist](#) to help make government ensure its messages are meaningful, accessible and inclusive for children and young people.
- Agencies are continuing to review, update and communicate best-practice resources to workers, children and young people and the community including [guiding resources for safeguarding children and young people](#) by the Department for Education, Children and Young People, and [child safety and wellbeing resources and publications](#) by the Department of Health.

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.