

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

1. This statement is made in response to a request by Solicitor Assisting, Mr Tony Giugni of 3 February 2017 seeking a further statement from the State of Tasmania to:
 - a. update the Royal Commission in relation to any steps it has taken or intends to take in respect of topics expected to be examined at the public hearing; and
 - b. address the Royal Commission in relation to areas to be examined 2.6 (Out-of-Home Care data collection), 2.7 (Reportable Conduct and Mandatory Reporting) and 2.8 (Child Safe Standards).
2. The Tasmanian Government's response to that request is provided in the following paragraphs.

Topic 2.3 - Redress

3. The Tasmanian Government continues to participate in discussions with the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, in relation to the Commonwealth Redress Scheme. Details in relation to many of the Scheme's key elements are yet to be finalised and discussions are ongoing.
4. The Tasmanian Government is yet to determine whether it will participate in the Commonwealth Redress Scheme and does not expect to be in a position to make a decision in relation to participation until the Scheme elements are finalised.

Topic 2.4 - Civil Litigation

5. The Tasmanian Government notes matters outlined in paragraphs 21 and 22 of the statement of Greg Johannes of 30 November 2016 and has no further matters to add.

Topic 2.5 - Working with Children Checks

6. The Tasmanian Government notes matters outlined in paragraphs 12 and 16 of the statement of Greg Johannes of 30 November 2016 and has no further matters to add.

Topic 2.6 – Out-of-Home Care - Data Collection

7. The Department of Health and Human Services' Children and Youth Services is undertaking a systematic review of all policies and procedures related to operational services as outlined in paragraphs 23 to 37, and 70 to 72 of the statement of Greg Johannes dated 30 November 2016 and has no further matters to add in relation to data collection.

Topic 2.7 – Reportable Conduct and Mandatory Reporting

8. The Tasmanian Government notes the work to date of the Royal Commission in relation to reportable conduct and is monitoring the introduction and performance of reportable conduct schemes in other jurisdictions.
9. The Tasmanian Government is awaiting the Royal Commission's recommendations in relation to reportable conduct before progressing any work in this area.
10. The Tasmanian Government will consider any recommendations made by the Royal Commission in relation to mandatory reporting requirements.

Topic 2.8 – Child Safe Standards

11. The Tasmanian Government has not progressed any work in relation to child safe standards noting that the Royal Commission is considering nationally consistent approaches.
12. The Tasmanian Government will consider the Royal Commission's recommendations in relation to child safe standards when released.