



Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor

TASMANIA

Office of the Implementation Monitor

December update



A big first year

Just over a year since Robert Benjamin AM KC was appointed, what a big year it has been. Hundreds of meetings with stakeholders later, many introductions, briefings, new faces and experienced hands, it was a year of collaboration and significant

growth for the independent role of [Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor](#) and the work of this office.

From dedicated agency staff to community groups and everyone in between, we thank everyone who generously and openly contributed in good faith to our work in this first establishing year, in order that we may have a brighter future for our children.

Importantly, we have also heard from victim-survivors, and children and young people themselves. It is their voices that must continue to be heard in coming years as we review and unpack the effectiveness of child safety reform measures in Tasmania, to better protect children now and into the future.

While it has been a very busy year internally as we have built our office from the ground up, there is much happening externally too – only last week we saw the Commission for Children and Young People Bill 2025 [pass the Tasmanian Parliament](#), paving the way for major recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry to come into being.

Already, we are looking to next year, when our Implementation Framework will be operational, and we move into the substantial appraisal phase of our work.

Finally, the OIM will be closed for the Christmas break, from COB Friday 19 December 2025, to Monday 5 January 2026. From the OIM team, we wish you all a safe and restful festive period.

See you in 2026!



**we appreciate this time of year is not easy for everyone. Remember, you are not alone. If you need support, [these services are available](#).*

Major milestones in 2025

Annual Report

Did you see our first [Annual Report](#) 2024-25?

Published on 27 October, it [set an unprecedented baseline](#) of the status of child safety recommendations in Tasmania. While the data in this first annual report relied on reporting by Government agencies, it allowed a crucial starting point from which to measure against, evaluate and publicly report on in future years.

The report also includes:

- a series of early observations and outlooks for each in-scope child safety review
- a crucial look ahead to future challenges
- a [companion document of appendices](#) to track the status of each relevant individual recommendation
- an [Easy Read guide and video animation](#) to encourage community accessibility.

**tell us what you think of the Annual Report, via a quick survey on the last page.*



**Annual Report 2024-25 - Easy Read animated video*

Implementation Framework

Our [Implementation Framework](#) will guide the work of this office over its 10-year lifespan. Published on 2 December, [it outlines our approach](#) to independent oversight of child safety reform in Tasmania.

366 accepted recommendations fall within scope of our work, including 191 from the Commission of Inquiry. The Framework sets out how we will monitor, review and evaluate the Government's implementation of those recommendations.

As Mr Benjamin has noted, "This work is public facing, outcomes focused and designed to drive transparency. It shows step by step how I will undertake this unique role."

The Framework will be refined in coming years to remain fit for purpose.



**photo: Richard Jupe*

WATCH: A Framework introduction

If you would rather not read the entire document right now, you can read a summary with [this fact sheet](#). Or, you can watch Robert's introductory video on the Framework, to find out more about its significance to his role, and the monitoring and evaluation of child safety recommendations in Tasmania.



**Implementation Framework: an introduction video*

Other activities

Submissions

We thank all parties who took the time to make a public submission in 2025, and there will be more opportunities in 2026. Submissions assist the work of our office, by providing relevant information and insights directly from the community.

The latest round of submissions calling for feedback on how the reform process is going so far, concluded on 30 September.

They are now published on our website. Stay tuned for more updates in 2026.

[Submissions](#)

In Parliament

As well as reporting to the Tasmanian Parliament through the Annual Report, the Office of the Independent Monitor also reports to the Parliamentary Joint Sessional Committee – Recommendations of Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry.

Made up of independent, opposition and government MPs, it scrutinises the Government's response to the COI.

We appeared on November 3 this year and are expected to appear before the Committee again in 2026.

[Watch the hearing](#)

“... as I scrutinise the effectiveness of the rollout of child safety recommendations in Tasmania, it is important I am also scrutinised to make sure I am doing my job effectively, openly and transparently.”
– Robert Benjamin



*appearing before the Committee, 3 November 2025



On the radio

On 10 December Robert joined ABC Hobart's statewide Mornings program with Leon Compton to talk about the role of Implementation Monitor, how it works and why it matters. He also spoke about related issues of the day like the planned Youth Justice Facility at Pontville and what is coming up for the year ahead. [Catch up here](#). (from 47:00 on timeline)



In the news

As noted above it has been a busy first year for the OIM, as we seek to increase our public visibility, explain the Implementation Monitor's role and build up a familiar presence in the Tasmanian child safety reform landscape. For updates through our second year and beyond, follow the OIM website [News page](#). We will also have a subscriber newsletter option in 2026.

IN PHOTOS: Out and about

A crucial part of the work of the Implementation Monitor and our team is engaging with our stakeholders, in the community. It is important to see and hear what is happening on the ground. One way we can do this is with site visits, such as to schools and other Government-run institutions.

We thank DECYP Deputy Secretary for Schools and Early Years Trudy Pearce, and the wonderful school staff who facilitated our visits this year to new public schools, Brighton High School and Legana Primary School, and East Tamar Primary School and the neighbouring mylatina Child and Family Learning Centre (CFLC). The child-focused facilities and the dedicated, caring people bringing them alive for learning were very impressive!

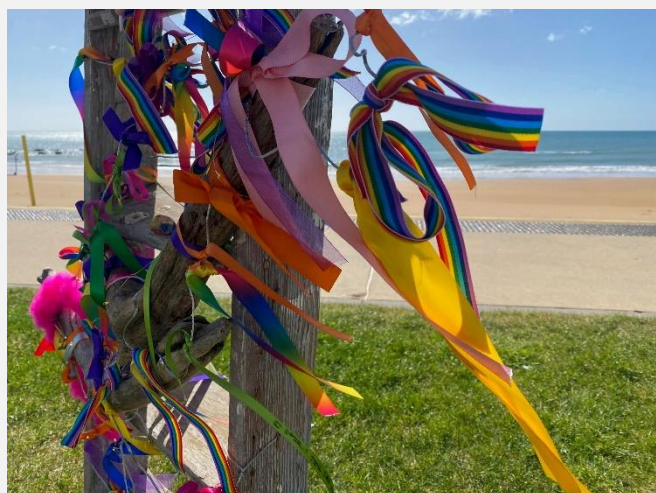
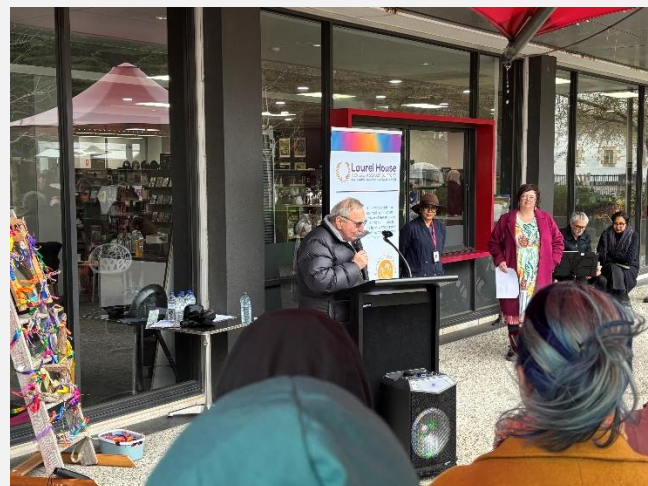




Captions (clockwise from top left): Trudy Pearce and Robert Benjamin at Brighton High School; inside a new classroom at Legana Primary School; central outdoor space at Legana; Legana Principal Liz O'Donahue and Robert, Trudy; Robert and East Tamar Primary School Principal Cilla Keenan; the school's new outdoor basketball court; and the wonderful team at muylatina Child and Family Learning Centre.

Earlier in the year in Robert also had the opportunity to speak at the Courageous Conversations 2025 forum in Launceston (April) and the Ribbons of Reflection events in Launceston (August) and Burnie (September).

These are important community events to come together and show a shared commitment to child safety in Tasmania. We thank event organisers - in particular Laurel House and the victim-survivor community, for having us along.



Captions (clockwise from above: Ribbons and reflection; in Launceston; and at the Burnie event.

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge all victim-survivors of institutional abuse, including those with lived experience of harm in institutional settings, and those who are no longer with us. We pay tribute to you.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people, as the original and continuing custodians of the land, seas, waterways and skies of Lutruwita/Tasmania.

We approach this task of better protecting all children in Tasmania with commitment, compassion and hope.



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You can also follow us on social media, on Facebook or LinkedIn. Search on your favourite platform for Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor.

As with our other outputs, please note these accounts refer to matters relating to child sexual abuse, and reader caution is advised.

