



Child Safety Reform
Implementation Monitor
TASMANIA

Implementation Monitor Annual Report 2024-25

An Easy Read Guide

Child Safety Reform Monitoring & Oversight

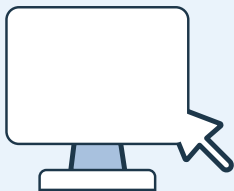
Support



The Office of the Implementation Monitor understands the report may be upsetting to read.

You are not alone.

Remember, support is available.



External services are available for those who need support.

You can find them here:

<https://oim.tas.gov.au/get-support>

You can also call:



Lifeline (24 hours) 131 114

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Victims of Crime Service 1300 300 238

Sexual Assault Support Service (24 hours) 1800 697 877

Laurel House Northern Tasmania (03) 6334 2740

Laurel House North West Tasmania (03) 6431 9711

Blue Knot Foundation 1300 657 380

Child Abuse Prevention Service 1800 688 009

Strong Families, Safe Kids 1800 000 123

1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732

Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

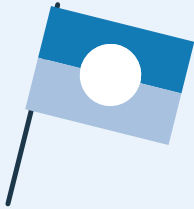
Kids Australia 1800 551 800

Relationships Australia Tasmania 1300 364 277

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Acknowledgments



We respectfully acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional owners and continuing custodians of this island and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



We acknowledge the trauma that continues to affect people with lived experience of child abuse. We commit to learning from past wrongs to protect the rights of children and young people, now and for future generations.

About This Guide

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This guide is written by the Office of the Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor in Tasmania.

It is written in an easy to read way.



When you see the word 'OIM' it means the Implementation Monitor's Office.

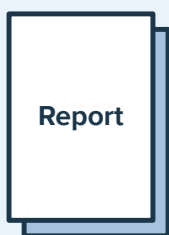


The guide uses pictures to help explain the words.



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You may want to have a family member or a friend with you for support.



This guide is about the Implementation Monitor's Annual Report.

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Who is the Implementation Monitor?

The Implementation Monitor is Robert Benjamin.

Robert served as a Commissioner on the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings.

Robert also served as a Family Court Judge.

Robert has a long history of taking care of children through the law and wants to make sure their voices are heard.



The Role of the Implementation Monitor



The Implementation Monitor is independent of Government.



He has special powers and functions.



The Implementation Monitor has an oversight role.



He is governed by the 'Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor Act 2024'.



The Implementation Monitor can't investigate child sexual abuse, or force the Government to take action.



The Implementation Monitor has met with many people to develop this report.



The Implementation Monitor assesses if recommended changes are working.

Engagement

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Proper and meaningful consultation can not be rushed.
We must get this right.



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We are engaging with victim-survivors, their advocates and the community sector in different ways.



We are looking forward to working with and hearing from more children and young people.



We thank everyone who has taken part so far.



We are developing a future engagement structure to best support our work.



We are working collaboratively with public servants, members of Parliament and other oversight bodies to share information.

Our Year at a Glance



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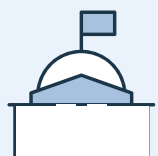
150

meetings with external stakeholders including Government agencies



7

presentations and webinars



10 meetings

with parliamentarians and unions



30

introductory meetings with organisations and stakeholders



8 site visits

locally, interstate and internationally



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briefings on individual recommendations



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meetings with Advisory Groups and Panels



Delivered media releases, Call for public submissions through newspaper advertisements, the OIM website

Our Impact

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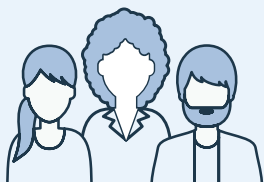
The Implementation Monitor has been looking at the progress of the Tasmanian Government's responses to institutional child sexual abuse.



The Implementation Monitor has been looking at how government efforts are being implemented since the COI.



How the Government shares information and works collaboratively with the OIM is key.



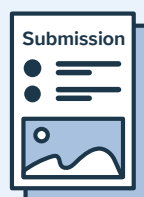
The Implementation Monitor wants to hear from the community.



The OIM wants to help fix problems in the system.



We want to prevent abuse.



We want to make reporting abuse easier.



We want complaints to be properly investigated.



We want victim-survivors to be properly supported.



The OIM is setting up a framework to help guide its work.

Our Focus

Implementation Framework



What is monitoring?

Monitoring is about tracking what is happening. It involves regularly collecting information to check whether actions are being taken, milestones are being met, and commitments are on track. This helps build a picture of how implementation is progressing over time.



What is evaluation?

Evaluation focuses on what difference those actions are making. It involves assessing how reforms are working in practice, what outcomes are being achieved, and what can be learned to strengthen future efforts. Evaluation might take the form of an in-depth review of a particular issue, theme, or part of the system.

Implementation Framework



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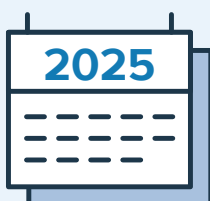
The Implementation Monitor is required to develop and publish an Implementation Framework under the Act.



What

The Implementation Framework will guide how the office monitors progress, assesses impact and reports on the implementation of child safety recommendations.

- what we will monitor and report on, and how information will be gathered
- how progress will be assessed, including not just whether actions have been completed, but whether they are making a real difference
- how we will maintain independence while working constructively with Government and the community
- how the voices and experiences of children, young people, and victim-survivors will shape our work.

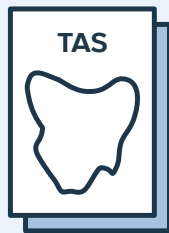


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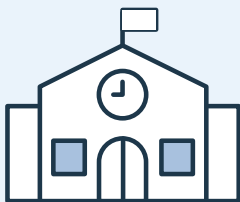
This framework will be finalised and published on our website by 2 December 2025.

The Implementation Monitor's focus

Under its terms of legislation, the OIM is focused on certain inquiries, reviews and their relevant recommendations.



Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings (the COI)



The Independent Inquiry into the Tasmanian Department of Education's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Education Inquiry)



The Child Safe Governance Review of the Launceston General Hospital and Human Resources (The Child Safe Governance Review)



The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission)

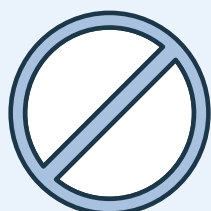


The Weiss Independent Inquiry into Paul Reynolds (the Weiss Review)

This year's Annual Report



An audit of all the recommendations to understand the progress of each recommendation.



We want to make sure that government follows through on its commitment to implement all the recommendations and make children safer.



Highlights the work that government is doing to make children safer.



Highlights areas that the government can improve on.

Our Report

The Implementation Monitor's report



Book 1 presents information about each inquiry in a chapter.



Each chapter includes a section by the Implementation Monitor with his early observations.

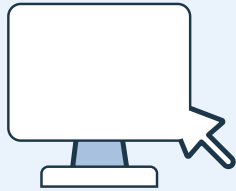


Each chapter provides some information about the status of recommendations.



Book 2 provides detailed information about the progress of each monitored recommendation.

Viewing the Annual Report

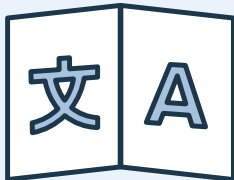


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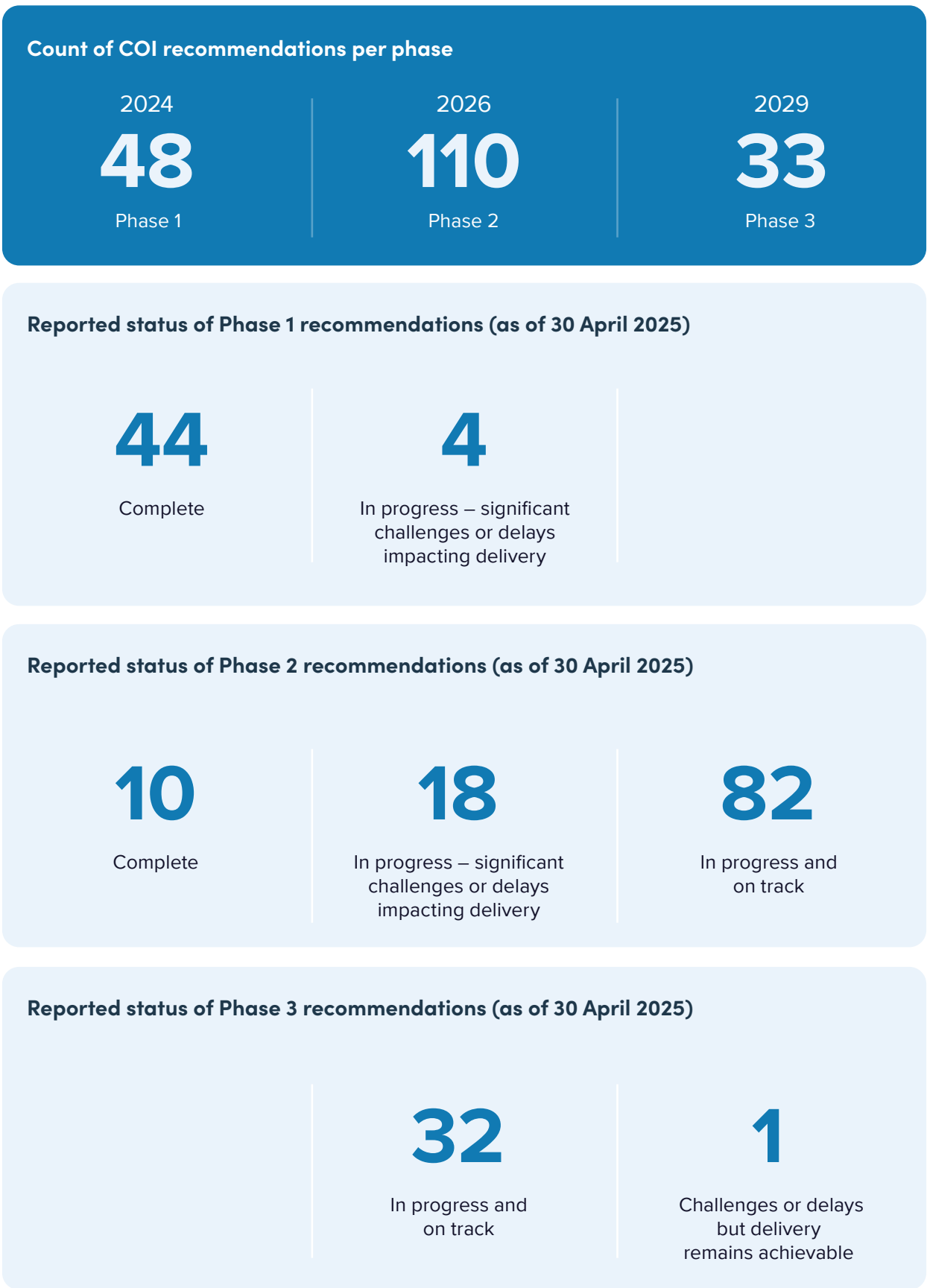
You can read the report in a different language.

Click on the Translate button at the top of the OIM's website.

Status of Recommendations

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Commission of Inquiry (COI)



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The Education Inquiry



The Royal Commission



The LGH Child Safe Governance Review



The Weiss Review

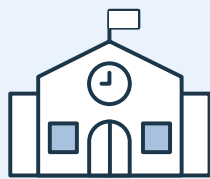


Key Messages

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The impact of child sexual abuse is profound and long-lasting. Prevention is key.



We approach this task with commitment, anticipation and hope.



To build trust, it is important the community knows what is happening.



In the first year we are laying the foundations and will focus on outcomes reporting in future years.



Real, lasting change takes time. We must stay the course.



Everyone has a role to play to ensure children and young people are safe in Tasmania. Together, we can make a difference.

How can we improve our future reports?

We would value your feedback to improve our future reports.

Please complete a quick online survey. Use the web address or QR code below to access it.



<https://comms.justice.tas.gov.au/survey.php?sid=35686&name=oim-annual-report-feedback>



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