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Commission of Inquiry Recommendations Scrutiny Committee
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Dear Ms Webb

Matters on Notice from Hearing Date: 3 November 2025

Thank you for your letter of 10 November 2025 regarding your request for a response to matters taken on notice following my appearance before the Joint Sessional Committee on 3 November 2025. I wish to sincerely apologise for the delay in providing this response. With regard to each of the questions you have raised, I provide the following:

- 1. Will your office put in a budget submission to the state government to request the funding required to undertake the statutory role? If not, how will your office make requests for appropriate budget allocations?*

My office wrote to the Hon Guy Barnett MP, Deputy Premier on 23 January 2026 and enclosed a budget submission for his endorsement. Current funding for my office is insufficient to support me to fulfill my role and meet my obligations under the Act. The request for additional funding has been made with careful restraint, capturing only what is absolutely necessary to put my Implementation Framework into effect, which I am legislatively required to do.

The establishment of my office represents a major opportunity to bring about significant change for Tasmanian children and young people and our community. The next three years are crucial for ensuring the success of this oversight role and I am deeply committed to performing my functions in a way that adds genuine value to the reform agenda, including by providing meaningful insights into the effectiveness of the reform in achieving its desired outcomes. Accordingly, the submission was made with restraint and seeks to sustain the current workforce of 6.0 FTE plus an additional 0.4 FTE. In addition, I require an ICT solution to enable appropriate handling of sensitive and confidential information and an allocation to support the evaluation functions of the office. This enhanced capability is particularly pertinent given the prospect of additional child safety recommendations being referred to my office pursuant to section 13 of the Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor Act (the Act), such as from the independent report of the Woolcott Review.

- 2. Please provide detailed information about consultation activities your office has conducted during the 2024-25 year, including lists of meetings, stakeholder interactions. The Committee does not require any detail regarding interactions with individuals or confidential meetings*

As highlighted in my Annual Report and at my committee appearance, 2025 was a huge year for my team as we met with a range of stakeholders from government, the community sector, children and young people and people with lived experience. Attached is a spreadsheet outlining details of all my consultation and engagement activities during the 2024 – 2025 financial year.

You will note we have engaged a broad spectrum of stakeholders in Tasmania and from across Australia with over 213 engagements since my commencement in the role in December 2024. I note you do not require detailed information about personal interactions with victim survivors but I have engaged informally and formally with over 20 victim survivors during my tenure as Implementation Monitor. This is in addition to engaging with the relevant support services.

My approach to stakeholder engagement this year will build on the trust and relationships we have developed in 2025, as we move from an establishment phase to full operation and monitoring. I am developing a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and Plan that will ensure I fulfil my requirements under the Act and our Implementation Framework. It will seek to ensure that the voices of people with lived experience, especially victim survivors and children and young people, are safety, respectfully and meaningfully considered in the work of my office, and in alignment with our principles. It is our intent to learn ways to engage genuinely with all stakeholders in a way that is meaningful and achievable within the small footprint of the OIM.

I look forward to our ongoing engagement as we work towards our collective aim to maintain the spotlight on child safety reform in Tasmania, ensuring the child safety reform results in meaningful and lasting reform for children and young people in Tasmania.

Please contact Kath Cooper, Director OIM on 6166 9122 during business hours or by email at contact@oim.tas.gov.au should you require any further clarification or have any other questions.

Kind Regards



Robert Benjamin AM KC
Implementation Monitor

16 February 2026

Enc: OIM Listing Stakeholder Meetings