

Ten Point Plan Progress – September 2009

Initiative	Progress	Comment
1. Review of the Freedom of Information Act	Draft legislation has been released for public comment	New Right to Information Legislation has been drafted and has been made available for further public comment prior to its introduction to Parliament in the Spring Session.
2. Protection for Whistleblowers	Will go to Cabinet shortly	Consultation period has closed and this will be going to Cabinet shortly.
3. Approved protocols and rules for Judicial Appointments	Completed	The updated Protocol simplifies the selection criteria and gives more detail about how the process for selecting judicial officers will work.
4. Improvements in Governance and Accountability in GBE's and Financial Management Frameworks	Completed	A Tasmanian Government Business Governance Framework Guide has been completed. The Guide outlines a best practice governance framework for GBEs and State owned companies and is now publicly available on the Department of Treasury and Finance website.
5. A register of Lobbyists	Completed	The web-based register of lobbyists became operational on 1 September 2009. From this date any lobbyist who wishes to contact a Tasmanian Government representative for the purpose of lobbying activities must be registered and must agree to comply with the requirements of the Lobbying Code of Conduct. Administration of the register and future development of the Lobbying Code of Conduct will be the responsibility of the new Integrity Commission.
6. Review of Resourcing for the Director of Public Prosecutions, Ombudsman and Auditor-General	Completed	The Auditor-General, Ombudsman and the DPP are quarantined from efficiency dividend and related cost saving measures. The Auditor-General and Ombudsman withdrew requests for additional resources in light of the economic climate. The Treasurer has agreed to a further review of the Office of the DPP to be undertaken and Terms of Reference for this Review have been agreed between the Treasurer and the DPP.
7. Amendment to the Police Act	In progress	The Joint Select Committee on Ethical Conduct has recommended amending the Police Act and we will be acting on the recommendations in the JSC report.
8. A Code of Conduct for Members and Ministers	Completed	A code of conduct for Ministers and Government members already exists and was last reviewed in 2006. The Integrity Commission will be asked to review existing Codes of conduct and make recommendations for improvement.
9. A Code of Conduct for Ministerial and Parliamentary Member Staff	Completed	A code of conduct for Ministers and Government members already exists and was last reviewed in 2006. Ministerial and Parliamentary staff who are appointed on Crown prerogative instruments are subject to a code of conduct that is incorporated into their instruments. The Integrity Commission will be asked to review existing Codes of conduct and make recommendations for improvement.
10. Training, education, advice and induction for members, Ministers and staff	Completed	New Members and staff are currently provided with an induction process. A round of training for recently appointed Ministerial/Parliamentary staff and refresher training for existing staff was conducted in the three regions in July this year. The Integrity Commission will have a training and education role in relation to ethical conduct for members, Ministers and staff. In the longer term this will be a role for the Integrity Commission.