

AGENDA 2016

FOURTH QUARTER UPDATE (January to March 2017)

PRIORITY AREA 1: FUTURE-PROOFING OUR STATE			
Initiative			Progress
Implement Initiatives.	2016-17	Budget	All Budget initiatives are being implemented. The \$13.9 million Community Infrastructure Fund launched in November 2016, including minor grants (up to \$50,000) and major grants (over \$50,000). The Northern Cities Project is proceeding as planned, with Federal funding secured and work underway with the communities of Launceston, Burnie and Devonport on maximising the investment into modern infrastructure to deliver continuous economic growth.
New Superfund operational.	\$6.5 billion expected	Tasmanian to be	The finalisation of the transfer of RBF accounts to Tasplan will occur on 31 March 2017, marking the start of the new Fund which will manage over \$7.6 billion for 165,000 Tasmanians. The new Tasmanian Superfund is a merger between Tasplan, Quadrant and RBF, securing Tasmanian jobs and providing investment opportunity.
Commence the East Coast rock lobster resource sharing plan, to ensure long-term future of the industry.			The East Coast Rock Lobster Relocation Program will relocate about 150,000 rock lobsters from the South-West to the East Coast. To date, 95,000 lobsters have been moved, with an additional 5000 due for removal by the end of April. The remaining 50,000 will be translocated next season under a 10-year strategy to rebuild rock lobster stocks.
Host the second TasInvest Summit to aggressively pursue investment opportunity for Tasmania.			The TasInvest 2017 Expo was held in Tokyo on 27-28 February 2017, in conjunction with the Trade Mission. The two-day Forum and Expo gave participants the opportunity to learn about Tasmania's economic, cultural and environmental strengths, as well as sample some of our world-class produce.
Announcement of successful tenders for Macquarie Point redevelopment.			In December 2016, the Government decided to 'reset' the vision for the redevelopment of the Macquarie Point site.
PRIORITY AREA 2: JOBS AND SKILLS			
Initiative			Progress
Implement Initiatives.	2016-17	Budget	The \$900,000 Work Readiness for Growth Industries program is now open and initiatives for Building and Construction, Aged Services, Disability Services and Agriculture have commenced. The roll-out of the \$600,000 Supporting Small Business with Apprenticeships and Traineeships initiative is underway. The \$400,000 for Business Enterprise Centres initiative is also being implemented and includes a new mentoring program and grant program to address small business barriers to growth.

Construction underway for key job-creating infrastructure projects, including the \$21.5 million Huon Highway / Summerleas Road interchange upgrade.	The contract for this \$21.5 million project was awarded in January 2017 and construction commenced on 1 February 2017.
Preparation for 2017 Masters Games to be held in Tasmania for the first time in 30 years.	Registrations are now open for the Games to be held in October 2017. A selection of sports will take place across venues in the North-West and Launceston. Tasmanian Government funding is helping to underpin the event. It is anticipated that 6000 athletes and volunteers will participate in over 55 events.
Completion of the new State-wide planning system a year ahead of schedule, with Council "local provision" schedules submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.	Tasmania's new single, State-wide planning scheme was delivered in February 2017, making planning faster, fairer, simpler and cheaper. Tasmania is the first State to implement a single scheme that applies consistent rules State-wide. Councils will now consult their communities on how the rules will apply in their local areas and will join the scheme progressively over 6-9 months.
PRIORITY AREA 3: IMPROVING HEALTH RESULTS	
Initiative	Progress
Implement 2016-17 Budget Initiatives.	A range of Budget initiatives are continuing to be rolled out, including \$29.5 million to support <i>One Health System</i> , employment of clinical initiative and psychiatric emergency nurses, and the deployment of new extended care paramedics.
Next stage of increase in graduate nurse positions in Tasmanian hospital and health facilities.	The Tasmanian Government is continuing its election promise to recruit more graduate nurses. In 2016 there were 130 Transition to Practice places. In 2017, there will be 135 places, and in 2018, there will be 155 places. This is up from 115 Practice places a year under the previous Government.
Implementation and roll-out of key initiatives under the Healthy Tasmania five-year strategic plan.	The increase in the Tobacco Seller's fee commenced on 1 January 2017, and a legislative package to give effect to penalties for sale and supply of tobacco products will be introduced into Parliament this year. The Student Health Initiative commenced in 46 schools in 2017.
Review the impact of one-year of increased Breastscreen services in the North-West.	Monthly monitoring of participation of the new mobile screening unit has been reported to the Cancer Screening Executive, and numbers show an increase in the number of screens provided by this initiative.
Consider findings of cost-benefit audit of preventive health programs and announce agreed initiatives.	The cost-benefit audit has been completed and the results of the analysis will be communicated directly to stakeholders.

12 month review of reduction of nursing double shifts and overtime following new policy	A review and audit of the success of the double shifts policy across 2016 has been conducted, with 819 fewer double shifts over the year, a reduction of 18 per cent. The Tasmanian Health Service is continuing to work to ensure all efforts are made to reduce the use of double shifts in our hospitals.
PRIORITY AREA 4: BETTER EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE	
Initiative	Progress
Implement 2016-17 Budget Initiatives.	All Budget initiatives are on track, including progress with the new program to combat bullying including cyber bullying and the partnership with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. The new Middle Years literacy project has commenced in selected schools and our focus on supporting education for students with disabilities continues with professional learning in Family Partnership Training for schools and Child and Family Centre staff.
Commence roll-out of Respectful Relationships program in all Tasmanian schools from K-12, as part of the Tasmanian Family Violence Action Plan.	The roll-out has commenced with resources available to all State schools to support teaching and learning sequences to Year 12, professional learning and community engagement. The Program will be implemented in all Tasmanian Government schools in Term 1, 2018. Consultation has been undertaken with Catholic and Independent schools to access the resource materials.
Commence roll-out of Round 3 schools extending to Years 11 and 12.	Students commenced at 18 additional high schools extending to Years 11 and 12 in 2017. In total, 30 high schools have now been extended to years 11 and 12, and there is expected to be a total of 38 schools offering Years 11 and 12 from 2018, far exceeding the Government's commitment to extend 21 schools to year 12 by 2018.
Completion of capital works at Kings Meadows High as part of \$94.9 million capital investment program.	The project is more than 80% complete. However, due to unforeseen delays, the expected completion date is now June 2017.
Complete evaluation of the first year outcomes of the piloted autism-specific unit at Lindisfarne North Primary School.	An independent evaluation of the program was provided to the Minister in November 2016. As a result of the evaluation and success of the pilot, the Government has announced the program will be extended to Rose Bay High School from 2017, and discussions will commence on determining schools best placed to provide additional primary school autism support programs in the North and North-West from Term 2, 2017.
Release annual update of the 26TEN Strategy for Adult Literacy and Numeracy 2016-2025.	The annual update was released on the 26TEN website on 31 March 2017 – see www.26ten.tas.gov.au

<p>Release second Safe Homes, Safe Families Implementation Plan for Tasmania's Family Violence Action Plan.</p>	<p>The <i>Responding and Reporting</i> report was released on 14 March 2017, detailing strong progress against implementation of the Family Violence Action Plan announced in August 2015. A copy of the report can be found: www.dpac.tas.gov.au/safehomessafefamilies</p>
<p>PRIORITY AREA 5: PROTECTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE</p>	
<p>Initiative</p>	<p>Progress</p>
<p>Implement 2016-17 Budget Initiatives.</p>	<p>All Budget initiatives in Human Services and Justice are on track, ongoing or have been completed.</p>
<p>Out of Home Care reform initiatives continue to be embedded and progressed including implementation of a new foster care (accreditation) system.</p>	<p>Work is continuing on improvements to strengthen the transparency, oversight and monitoring of the quality of services provided to children in Out of Home Care, and incorporating the Commissioner for Children and Young People's recent recommendations. This work is in conjunction with the \$20.6 million redesign of the child safety system, <i>Strong Families, Safe Kids</i>.</p>
<p>Completion of three year roll-out of working with vulnerable people checks across Tasmania.</p>	<p>Since commencing on 1 July 2014, screening and registration has focused on people who work with children, with more than 94,900 Tasmanians now registered. During the current quarter, the requirement to be registered has been extended to teachers and child legal services. Workers and volunteers in the last remaining phase of the current scheduled roll-out for child-related activities (non-government Registered Training Organisations) will shortly be commencing applications for registration. The next stage of the Working with Vulnerable People registration project will extend the worker screening and registration process to employer sectors providing services to vulnerable adults.</p>
<p>Completion of the Youth at Risk Strategy including Youth Justice reform, to deliver a more streamlined, therapeutic service system for young people at risk.</p>	<p>The Youth at Risk Strategy is in the final stages of consultation with stakeholders and will put greater emphasis on education, health and safety for all young people at risk to support their development.</p>
<p>Receive the Disability Justice Strategy for Tasmania prepared as part of the Department of Justice's Disability Action Plan 2014-2017.</p>	<p>Development of the Strategy was overseen by the previous Anti-Discrimination Commissioner with a cross-Agency Steering Committee and Community Reference Group. A preliminary audit of current services, supports and approaches has been undertaken and issues for further work identified. The new Anti-Discrimination Commissioner will consider the work undertaken and the Government looks forward to receiving the Strategy in due course.</p>
<p>Second phase of 2016-17 NDIS transition to full scheme to begin 1 January with services becoming available to adults aged 25 to 28.</p>	<p>The Tasmanian Government is contributing \$572 million to the NDIS over the next four years. On 1 January 2017, eligible people with disability aged 25-28 entered the Scheme. Now, 1358 eligible Tasmanians aged from 12 to 28 years are included, providing them with more choice and control over their care needs.</p>

Commence construction of Northern Suburbs Neighbourhood House.	Construction of the new \$1.66 million purpose-built Northern Suburbs Neighbourhood House at Rocherlea commenced in February 2017. It is anticipated the new Centre will be completed in September 2017.
Analysis of West Coast bus trial project.	The bus trial will achieve its 12 month milestone in April and the analysis of the first 12 months will inform how the service can be improved in the future.
Open the 2016-17 Multicultural Grants Fund.	The Grants Fund opened on 3 December 2016, with \$100,000 available for projects that enhance cultural diversity and promote social cohesion. Successful applicants were advised during Harmony Week 2017.
Evaluation of Rethink Autism.	The draft evaluation report will be presented to the Autism Advisory Panel by the end of March 2017.