

**Transcript of evidence - Examination of the Auditor General's performance audit reports August 2019 - June 2020
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PAC question	Answer
<p><i>Can you speak more to the Early Appropriate Guilty Pleas reform, just how is it working, but also could you provide us with an update in the economic benefit from it?</i></p>	<p>Please see following for the response to the Question on Notice from the Chair to Ms D'Elia on page 15</p> <p>The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has completed both a process and an outcome evaluation of the EAGP reform, which discusses how the reforms are working. The evaluations have both been published on BOCSAR's website.</p> <p>The Early Appropriate Guilty Plea (EAGP) reform was intended to generate economic benefits for the criminal justice system, including by accelerating the timing of guilty pleas and avoiding wasted costs incurred by justice agencies preparing for trials that never occur. The economic benefits expected to be derived from the EAGP reform are outlined in more detail in the Audit report. The Department of Communities and Justice has also contracted external evaluations to undertake an economic evaluation of the EAGP reform to identify the realisation of quantifiable benefits to date. This will be completed shortly.</p>

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1. <i>Do you consider the internal benefits realisation guidance is consistent with the NSW Government's Benefits Realisation Management Framework?</i>	Yes. The <i>EAGP Reform Monitoring and Evaluation Framework</i> is consistent with the NSW Government's Benefits Realisation Management Framework.
2. <i>What further performance indicators are being considered for support activities, such as the accuracy of data entry and its own contribution to the efficiency of the court?</i>	No further performance indicators regarding data quality are currently being considered for the District Court.
3. <i>Is the Department considering report performance in the court system against its KPIs in its annual report? What are some of the new KPIs included in the annual report?</i>	The Department of Communities and Justice Annual Report contains information on performance as part of reporting on the State Outcome of 'Efficient and Effective Legal system'. The Annual Report is available on the Department's website.