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Dear Dr Groves

Annual report on General Meetings

I refer to your letters of 26 June 2013 requesting information about my office's staffing and budget, as well as that of the Child Death Review Team.

The information in relation to my office's budget in the attached table is taken directly from the financial statements included in my office's annual reports. The tables with information about the office's staffing profile are taken from pages 28 and 31 of my office's annual report for 2011-2012.

As convener of the Child Death Review Team (CDRT), my office provides support and assistance to the CDRT members in performing their functions. My office is provided with funding to perform this work, and this forms part of the office's total budget allocation.

The current members of the CDRT, with the exception of Ms Mitchell, are listed in the CDRT annual report for 2011. I have included a copy of the relevant page. The staff providing support to the CDRT work within the Systemic Reviews Unit of my office's Human Services Branch. In addition to supporting the CDRT, these staff also conduct reviews of children and people with disability living in care, as well as reviewing the deaths of children who die as a result of abuse or neglect or in suspicious circumstances, and children in care, as well as the deaths of people with disability living in care.

Yours sincerely

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Bruce Barbour
Ombudsman

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Table one – Statement of comprehensive income

	2011		2012	
	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000
Expenses excluding losses				
Operating expenses				
Employee related	19,222	18,724	21,491	20,233
Other operating expenses	4,612	4,044	4,704	4,744
Depreciation and amortisation	463	453	767	571
Total expenses excluding losses	24,297	23,221	26,962	25,548
Revenue				
Recurrent appropriation	21,804	21,460	23,796	23,406
Capital appropriation	369	314	248	219
Sale of goods and services	583	100	608	434
Investment revenue	85	36	40	38
Grants and contributions	46	-	33	-
Acceptance by the Crown Entity of employee benefits and other liabilities	1,394	964	1,152	748
Other revenue	147	-	21	17
Total revenue	24,428	22,874	25,898	24,862
Gain/(loss) on disposal	11			
Net result	142	(347)	(1,064)	(686)
Other comprehensive income				
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
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Table two - staff levels – full time equivalent

	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
Statutory officers	5.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Investigative	65.90	74.13	70.18	73.26	78.49
Investigative support	35.65	25.60	21.00	24.50	20.40
Project and research	15.60	14.10	20.66	25.66	25.66
Training and community education	3.50	3.30	2.30	1.50	3.00
Inquiries	10.00	7.00	9.94	9.54	8.74
Community visitor support	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	1.80
Systemic review	13.40	12.81	10.10	16.16	14.70
Corporate	23.97	24.74	25.17	27.77	29.67
Total	175.82	170.48	166.15	185.19	186.36

Table three - trends in the representation of EEO groups

EEO Group	Target (%)	Result (%)				
		07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
Women	50	73	71	72	72.9	73.7%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people	2.6	2.5	3.6	3.6	2.4	2.9%
People whose language first spoken as a child was not English	19	20	21	21	17.5	18.2%
People with a disability #	n/a	6	7	7	9.2	10.0%
People with a disability requiring work-related adjustment	1.5	2	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4%

employment levels are reported but a benchmark has not been set

Table four – staff numbers by level

Level	Total staff (no.)	Men	Women	Breakdown by EEO group				
				Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people	People from racial, ethnic, ethno-religious minority groups	People whose language first spoken as a child was not English	People with a disability	People with a disability requiring work-related adjustment
\$0 - \$40,662	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$40,662 - \$53,407	3	0	3	1	1	1	1	0
\$53,407 - \$59,705	16	1	15	0	8	8	0	0
\$59,705 - \$75,552	41	12	29	1	9	8	6	0
\$75,552 - \$97,702	91	19	72	3	24	17	7	4
\$97,702 - \$122,128	48	18	30	1	6	4	5	1
\$122,128 > (Non SES)	7	3	4	0	0	0	1	0
\$122,128 > (SES)	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Total*	209	55	154	6	48	38	21	5

*This figure represents the actual number of full-time and part-time staff as at 30 June 2012 – not the full time equivalent.

NSW Child Death Review Team

Following the Team's transfer to the Ombudsman's office in February 2011, the NSW Child Death Review Team was not fully constituted until September 2011. Team members or Team-related persons in 2011/12 were:

Statutory members

Mr Bruce Barbour

Convenor
NSW Ombudsman

Ms Megan Mitchell

Commissioner, NSW Commission for Children and Young People

Mr Steve Kinmond

Community and Disability Services Commissioner

Agency representatives

Ms Robyn Bale (Education and Communities)

Director, Student Achievement and Community Partnerships,
Department of Education and Communities

Detective Superintendent Peter Cotter (until March 2012) (NSW Police Force)

Commander Homicide, NSW Police Force

Ms Anne Marie Dwyer (Ageing and Disability)

Executive Director, Prevention and Pathways, Ageing,
Disability and Home Care

Ms Helen Freeland (Community Services)

A/Deputy Chief Executive, Operations, Community Services

Mr Marcel Savary (Attorney General and Justice)

Courts Policy Manager, Department of Attorney General and
Justice

Mr Maurice Taylor (Office of the State Coroner)

Coordinator, Coronial Information and Support Unit, State
Coroner's Office

Professor Les White (Ministry of Health)

NSW Chief Paediatrician

Detective Superintendent Michael Willing (from June 2012)

Commander Homicide, NSW Police Force

Independent members

Dr Susan Adams

Director, Division of Surgery and Senior Staff Specialist,
Paediatric General Surgeon, Sydney Children's Hospital

Professor Ngiare Brown

Medical Officer, Australian Indigenous Doctors Association

Dr Luciano Dalla-Pozza

Head of Department and senior Staff Specialist (Oncology),
Children's Hospital at Westmead

Professor Megan Davis

Director, Indigenous Law Centre, University of NSW

Dr Jonathan Gillis

National Medical Director, Organ and Tissue Authority
(Deputy Convenor)

Dr Bronwyn Gould

General Practitioner

Dr John Howard

Senior Lecturer, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre,
University of NSW

Professor Heather Jeffery

International Maternal and Child Health, University of Sydney/
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Professor Ilan Katz

Director, Social Policy Research Centre, University of NSW

Dr Helen Somerville

Visiting Medical Officer, Department of Gastroenterology,
Children's Hospital at Westmead

Dr Ella Sugo

Paediatric Pathologist, Sydney Children's Hospital