

**EXAMINATION OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S  
PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORTS SEPTEMBER  
2013 – JULY 2014**

**Organisation:** TAFE NSW

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Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP  
Chair  
Public Accounts Committee  
Legislative Assembly  
Parliament of New South Wales  
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Dear Mr O'Dea

I write in response to your letter of 19 November 2014, to the Secretary of the Department of Education and Communities, Dr Michele Bruniges AM, requesting a submission outlining the progress by TAFE NSW against the recommendations of the Auditor General's Report on *Improving Legal and Safe Driving Among Aboriginal People*. The Secretary has asked me to respond for TAFE NSW.

A summary of the progress TAFE NSW has made towards actioning the recommendations of the Auditor General's Report is attached.

TAFE NSW is committed to the development and provision of Aboriginal driver education and training. TAFE NSW has made good progress to date in delivering the Course in Foundation Skills for Learner Drivers and similar programs for Aboriginal people.

There is significant demand for this training and TAFE NSW anticipates delivering targeted learner driver programs throughout 2015 and into the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office should you require further information about this matter.

Yours sincerely

  
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**TAFE NSW**

21 January 2015

**PERFORMANCE AUDIT – IMPROVING LEGAL AND SAFE DRIVING AMONG ABORIGINAL PEOPLE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES (TAFE NSW)**

Recommendation	Accepted or Rejected	Actions to be taken	Due Date	Status (completed, on- track, delayed) Comment	Responsibility
1 By January 2014, encourage TAFE NSW Institutes to deliver the accredited course in Foundation Skills for Learner Driver, including mobile delivery	Accepted	a) Course material and supporting resources distributed to TAFE NSW Institutes	December 2013	<b>Completed</b>	Former TAFE NSW Social Inclusion & Vocational Access Unit
		b) Resources for delivery in 2014 provided	January 2014	<b>Completed</b>	Former TAFE NSW Social Inclusion & Vocational Access Unit
		c) Courses proposed for delivery in TAFE NSW	By June 2014	In Progress. TAFE Institutes are working with key stakeholders, including communities. For example: <b>Hunter Institute</b> has been developing a strategy in collaboration with the Roads and Maritime Services and Police Local Area Commands and community stakeholders. Has recently delivered a 'Get Licensed, Get Legal' program planning more delivery in 2015. The Aboriginal Learning Circle, which is a collaboration of 5 Institutes	TAFE NSW Institutes

					<p>(Hunter Institute, Illawarra Institute, New England Institute, North Coast Institute, South Western Sydney Institute) are collaborating on a further strategy for 2015.</p> <p><b>North Coast Institute</b> has delivered nine Foundation Skills for Learner Driver courses across its footprint in Semester 2 2014 and plans to run more courses in 2015.</p> <p><b>Western Sydney Institute</b> has delivered Learn Your Ls - Driver Education targeting Aboriginal students in 2014 and for the past 4-5 years under Access To Work and Training (Course Number 10442) and /or Vocational and Community Engagement (Course Number 10696).</p>	
2	By January 2014 promote driver licence courses to Aboriginal communities	Accepted	Course promotional materials distributed to Institutes	December 2013	<b>Completed</b>	Former TAFE NSW Social Inclusion & Vocational Access Unit
3	By January 2014, consider developing a course that takes students from learner to provisional licences	Accepted	Referred to Institutes. TAFE NSW Sydney Institute will work with inner Sydney Aboriginal	June 2014	In progress	TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute



			communities to determine the viability of developing such a course.			
4	By January 2014, encourage TAFE NSW Institutes to become Work and Development Order (WDO) sponsors	Accepted	Referred to Institutes. TAFE NSW - Western Sydney and North Coast Institutes are WDO sponsors TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute investigating becoming a WDO sponsor	By January 2014  December 2014	<b>Completed</b>  In progress Sydney Institute is keen to become a Work and Development Order sponsor but is not yet a sponsor.	TAFE NSW - Western Sydney and North Coast Institutes  TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute