



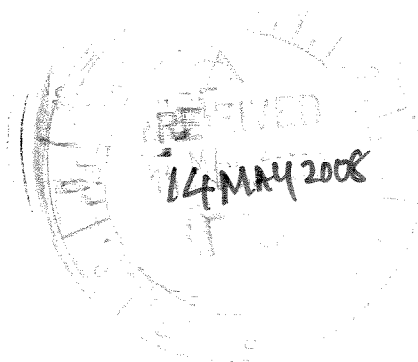
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Mr Paul McLeay  
Public Accounts Committee  
Parliament of New South Wales  
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Dear Mr McLeay

**Re: Auditor-General report on addressing the needs of young offenders**

I refer to your correspondence dated 3 April 2008 requesting the NSW Police Force's response to the recommendations of the Auditor-General's *Report on Addressing the Needs of Young Offenders*.

Please find attached a schedule itemising the current status of the NSWPF implementation of the Auditor-General's recommendations.

Yours sincerely

A.P. Scipione APM  
Commissioner of Police

12 MAY 2008



**Recommendations in the Performance Audit - Addressing the needs of young offenders  
NSW POLICE FORCE IMPLEMENTATION ACTION TABLE**

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Actions to be taken</b>	<b>Target completion date</b>	<b>Status (Completed, delayed, on track) Comment</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<p><b>Improved Outcomes for young Offenders who receive cautions</b></p> <p>By January 2008 the NSW Police Force, in regard to young offenders receiving a caution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a checklist to identify the needs of each young offender and rate their risk of re offending as either low, moderate or high</li> </ul>	<p>The checklist will take the form of guidance provided to Youth Liaison Officers (YLOs) on their rating and will be based on existing questions developed as part of the research survey undertaken in 2006 and that utilised by Police Community Youth Clubs (PCYC).</p>	<p>Standard operating procedures (SOPS) have been drafted and are to be finalised.</p>	<p>End December 2008</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>Senior Programs Officer - Youth</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require Youth Liaison Officers to document the results of this review</li> </ul>	<p>YLOs will be required to record their rating on COPs. Best practice will be to record the rating and the rationale locally.</p>	<p>Standard operating procedures (SOPS) have been drafted and are to be finalised.</p>	<p>End December 2008</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>NSW Police YLOS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a process of referral for young offenders who have a moderate to high risk of re offending which will assist them if they choose to attend support services or programs to address their needs</li> </ul>	<p>Process implemented as recommended.</p>	<p>Training provided during YLO course.</p>	<p>End Jan 2008</p>	<p>Completed Ongoing</p>	<p>NSW Police YLOS</p>

<p><b>Address Cross Agency Issues</b></p> <p>That the Department of Juvenile Justice and the NSW Police Force refer problems they face in accessing services or exchanging information, to the Cross Agency Management of Young Offenders Senior Officer Group (CAMSOG) or its successor to resolve as part of its strategic cross agency approach to managing young offenders”.</p>	<p>In January 2008 the first CAMSOG meeting was held. Discussions were held regarding the future of this SOG which will be discussed at the next Criminal Justice CEO meeting.</p>	<p>Further progress via the CEO cluster meeting required.</p>	<p>June 2008</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>NSW Police Corporate Spokesperson for Youth.</p>
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<p><b>Better reporting of results</b></p> <p>NSW Police Force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt the State Plan target to reduce re offending by ten per cent by 2016</li> </ul>	<p>NSWPF supports the target in the State Plan</p>	<p>NSWPF will support the Department of Corrective Services in meeting its target recognising the Plan's definition of re offending is based on a court appearance or conviction or a Youth Justice Conference.</p>	<p>Jan 2008</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>NSW Police Corporate Spokesperson for Youth.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor results for both one and two year follow-up periods as used in the State Plan</li> </ul>	<p>NSWPF will support the Department of Corrective Services as lead agency in monitoring the follow up periods as used in the State Plan.</p>	<p>Quarterly monitoring and reporting via the Youth Inter Agency Group (YIAG).</p>	<p>Jan 2008</p>	<p>Completed Ongoing</p>	<p>NSW Police Corporate Spokesperson for Youth.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>report on trends in the number and proportion of young offenders diverted from the Children's Court commencing with their 2006-07 annual report</li> </ul>	<p>Accepted. Not able to be implemented for 2006-07 Annual Report.</p>	<p>Report on trends in future Annual Reports.</p>	<p>Jan 2008</p>	<p>Completed Ongoing</p>	<p>NSW Police Corporate Spokesperson for Youth</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on trends in re offending for young offenders receiving cautions commencing with their 2006-07 annual report, both against the State Plan target and using the one and two year follow-up periods.</li> </ul>	<p>This recommendation was rejected as suitable indicators were/are not available.</p> <p>NSWPF will support the Department of Corrective Services (as lead agency) to progress the development of appropriate indicators for State Plan for reporting purposes.</p>	<p>The NSWPF will report on trends quarterly to the YIAG using available information.</p> <p>Ongoing support for the Department of Corrective Services as lead agency for State Plan implementation of Priority R2, including the development of appropriate measures and reporting.</p>	<p>Jan 2008</p>	<p>Rejected</p>	<p>NSW Police Corporate Spokesperson for Youth</p>
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