

**INQUIRY INTO FOLLOW UP OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S  
PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORTS OCTOBER 2009 TO  
SEPTEMBER 2010**

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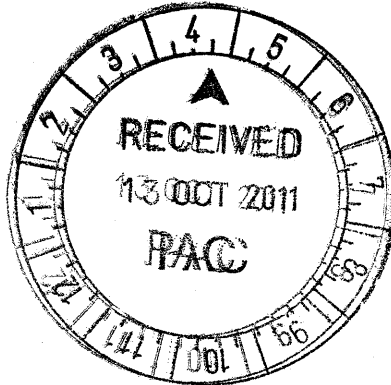
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Jonathan O'Dea MP  
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Dear Mr O'Dea

**Re: Auditor-General's Report on Injury Management in the NSW Public Sector**

I refer to your letter to the Secretary dated 6 July 2011 regarding the above. I have attached a schedule covering Treasury's response to the recommendations contained in the Auditor-General's report.

If you have any further questions please contact Brad Cole from the NSW Self Insurance Corporation on 02 9228 3859.

Yours faithfully

Mark Ronsisvalle  
Deputy Secretary

PERFORMANCE AUDIT – Injury Management in the NSW Public Sector

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION	ACCEPTED OR REJECTED	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	DUE DATE	STATUS (completed, on track, delayed) and COMMENT	RESPONSIBILITY (Section of agency responsible for implementation)
<p><b>1</b> It is recommended that the Department of Premier and Cabinet, NSW Treasury and WorkCover NSW release the proposed new <i>Working Together Strategy 2009-2012</i> by April 2010 (page 14).</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>	<p>The <i>Working Together: Public Sector Workplace Health and Safety and Injury Management Strategy 2010 – 2012</i> was released on 30 March 2010.</p>	<p><b>April 2010</b></p>	<p><b>Completed</b></p>	<p>Department of Premier and Cabinet – Public Sector Workforce</p>
<p><b>2</b> It is recommended that individual agencies set specific targets to reduce the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– average cost of claims and incidence rate of claims in line with relevant industry benchmarks (pages 14, 18)</li> <li>– number of psychological injuries where appropriate (page 14)</li> <li>– cost of premiums (page 16).</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>	<p>Continue to implement the <i>Working Together Strategy 2010-2012</i></p>		<p><b>Completed</b>  <i>Working Together Strategy 2010-2012</i> sets targets for average cost of claims and incidence rate.                      In relation to the recommendation to set targets for psychological injuries where appropriate, the <i>Working Together Strategy 2010-2012</i> broadens this approach by requiring agencies to identify and target two priority areas.</p>	<p>Joint responsibility between WorkCover, Department of Premier and Cabinet and NSW Self Insurance Corporation</p>
<p><b>3</b> It is recommended that the Department of Premier and Cabinet require <i>Working Together</i> targets be included in chief executive performance agreements (page 20).</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>	<p>Nil</p>		<p><b>Completed</b></p>	<p>Department of Premier and Cabinet – Public Sector Workforce</p>

<p>4</p> <p>It is recommended that commencing in 2009-10, NSW Treasury require public sector agencies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- refer all alleged frauds to WorkCover NSW (page 21)</li> <li>- report performance against the Working Together targets in their Annual Reports (page 21).</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>	<p>Direction under Section 9 of the Public Finance and Audit Act to be issued.</p> <p>Nil</p>	<p><b>Final quarter of 2011</b></p> <p><b>N.A.</b></p>	<p>To be drafted.</p> <p>This recommendation is contrary to Cabinet's 2009 decision to reduce the number of disclosures required by the annual report regulations. This Cabinet decision was made in response to the Red Tape Review.</p>	<p>Treasury</p> <p>Treasury</p>
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