



EXECUTIVE MINUTE

on

JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REPORT No.514

Inquiry into the procurement of mandated national support and advocacy services for victims of child sexual abuse

General comments

The *National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021-2030* is Australia's first nationally coordinated strategic framework for preventing and responding to child sexual abuse and is underpinned by a First National Action Plan (NAP) and First Commonwealth Action Plan (CAP).

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Report 514 examined the procurement process conducted by the Attorney-General's Department to deliver two National Strategy measures:

- National Action Plan Measure 21 (NAP 21) is an offending prevention service for adults who have sexual thoughts about children or young people.
- National Action Plan Measure 10 (NAP 10) is a national support service for non-offending family members of child sexual abuse perpetrators.

Recommendation No 1:

- 3.17 The Committee recommends that the Attorney-General's Department reports back within one month on the current situation regarding the establishment of National Action Plan support services arising from the final report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Summary of response: agreed

Supporting rationale:

National Action Plan Measure 21 (NAP 21) – National Offending Prevention Service

The department is progressing through the final stages of establishing the NAP 21 national service following contract execution with the service provider, Jesuit Social Services.

The service is anticipated to be launched in the first half of 2026.



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National Action Plan Measure 10 (NAP 10) – National Support Service for non-offending family members of perpetrators

Following the cancellation of the procurement process for this service on 30 October 2025, the department has considered a range of options to advance the development and delivery of the NAP 10 service. In doing so it has drawn on lessons learned from the cancelled procurement process and the findings of the Australian National Audit Office report on the Conduct of Procurements Relating to Two New Child Sexual Abuse-related National Services, to deliver value for money, strengthen transparency and assurance around procurement and funding processes, and support timely service establishment.

The department is now progressing a grant opportunity for the client support functions of the service, and a procurement for the law enforcement training component. The department considers this revised approach will support greater competition and enable individual components of the service to be delivered more quickly. Preparations to re-approach the market are underway.

Yours sincerely

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Accountable Authority of the Attorney-General's Department

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