

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

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Summary



Premier & Cabinet

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Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP
Chair
Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Assembly
Parliament of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr O'Dea

I write in response to your letter of 6 July 2011 regarding the *Auditor-General's Report on Injury Management in the NSW Public Sector* ('the Report').

Attached is a table summarising the implementation of the recommendations made in the Report by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the actions that have been taken.

Should you have any questions regarding the Department's response, please contact Anna Kulesz, Associate Director, Industrial Relations on telephone 9228 3233.

Yours sincerely

Chris Eccles
Director General

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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>1</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Cabinet approval sought.</p> <p>Following Cabinet approval, <i>Working Together Strategy 2010-2012</i> to be issued.</p>	<p>April 2010</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p><i>Working Together: Public Sector Workplace Health and Safety and Injury Management Strategy 2010 – 2012</i> was issued on 30 March 2010.</p> <p>Premiers' Memorandum 2010-07 <i>Working Together: Public Sector Workplace Health and Safety and Injury Management Strategy 2010 – 2012</i> was issued on 1 June 2010.</p>	<p>WorkCover NSW</p> <p>Public Sector Workforce, Department of Premier and Cabinet</p>
<p>2</p> <p>It is recommended that individual agencies set specific targets to reduce the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - average cost of claims and incidence rate of claims in line with relevant industry benchmarks - number of psychological injuries where appropriate - cost of premiums. 	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>As per recommendation and the continued active implementation of the <i>Working Together Strategy 2010-2012</i></p>		<p>Completed</p> <p><i>Working Together Strategy 2010-2012</i> sets targets around the incidence and average cost of claims. <i>Working Together Strategy 2010-2012</i> also requires agencies to adopt two priority issues.</p>	<p>Joint responsibility between WorkCover NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet and NSW Treasury</p>

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<p>3</p> <p>It is recommended that the Department of Premier and Cabinet require <i>Working Together</i> targets be included in chief executive performance agreements</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>As per recommendation and the continued active implementation of the <i>Working Together Strategy 2010-2012</i></p>		<p>Completed</p>	<p>Public Sector Workforce, Department of Premier and Cabinet</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"> - refer all alleged frauds to WorkCover NSW - report performance against the <i>Working Together</i> targets in their Annual Reports 	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The Department of Premier and Cabinet supported the structure of accountability set out in this recommendation and undertook to consult with NSW Treasury on the implementation of its response.</p>		<p>Department of Premier and Cabinet has consulted with NSW Treasury.</p>	<p>NSW Treasury</p>