

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT NO. 10 OF
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF
AUDITOR GENERAL REPORTS NO. 4 - SELECTED REPORTS 2013 AND 2014**

Report 5 of 2013: Delivering Western Australia's Ambulance Services

Recommendation 1

The Minister for Health report on how the new multi-year contract between WA Health and St John Ambulance WA addresses the issues raised by the Auditor General regarding the previous contract, in particular the extent to which the new contract enables WA Health to better demonstrate the quality, reliability, responsiveness and value for money of the state's ambulance service.

The Minister for Health supports the recommendation.

Report 7 of 2014: The Implementation and Initial Outcomes of the Suicide Prevention Strategy

Recommendation 2

The Mental Health Commission finalise the governance structure and overarching implementation plan linked to *Suicide Prevention 2020: Together We Can Save Lives*.

An overarching implementation plan for the suicide prevention strategy, *Suicide Prevention 2020: Together we can save lives*, has been developed by the Mental Health Commission (MHC) and was endorsed by the Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention (MCSP) in July 2015.

The overarching implementation plan describes a range of activities and key milestones and defines specific outputs and outcomes under each of the six key action areas in the strategy for 2015/16. A targeted Aboriginal Implementation Plan for *Suicide Prevention 2020* has also been developed, and was endorsed by the MCSP in September 2015.

The activities in the implementation plans will be reviewed in May 2016.

In conjunction with the finalisation of the over-arching implementation plan, the governance structure of *Suicide Prevention 2020* has been determined, and the roles of the MHC and MCSP clearly defined.

Report 11 of 2013 (Applications Controls Audit): WA Police's Firearms

Recommendation 3

WA Police complete the roll-out of its new firearms licensing and registry system by November 2015.

Phase 1.0 of the Licensing Registry Project was implemented on 23 November 2015. This phase will focus on data migration, mirroring the current Firearm Registry System and testing integrity, data sets and system functionality.

Phase 1.1 of the Licensing Registry Project is expected to be implemented in April 2016 and will deliver full Licensing Registry functionality including firearm applications and processing, online access for firearm dealers and read-only access for members of the public.

Phase 2 of the Licensing Registry Project will deliver Security and Related Activities licences and applications as well as Pawnbroker and Second-hand Dealer licences and applications. The implementation date will be determined upon completion of Phase 1.1.

Recommendation 4

WA Police introduce processes that will enable its ongoing firearms amnesty initiative to be routinely monitored and assessed.

WA Police acknowledge the requirement to manage and measure the performance of the firearms amnesty, and have established a high risk firearms coordinator position who will contribute to the routine monitoring, recording and analysis of firearms seized under amnesty.

The WA Police Incident Management System, which records all property seized, has been modified to identify all firearms seized under "Amnesty". Management reports will be available to monitor and assess the ongoing amnesty initiative.