

## DELIVERABLES 2017

### FIRST QUARTER UPDATE (March 2017 to June 2017)

PRIORITY AREA I: JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	
Initiative	Progress
Commence operation of the new Maria Island Ferry Service.	The new year-round regular passenger ferry service <i>Encounter Maria Island</i> commenced on 31 March 2017, providing five sailings a day each way during peak periods to help secure the Island's growing reputation as an east coast tourism hotspot. A new booking system streamlines ferry fares with national park passes.
Final report by the Tasmanian Energy Security Taskforce to be provided to Government.	The Government has now received the final report of the Energy Security Taskforce and is considering its recommendations. The Government will release both the Final Report of the Energy Security Taskforce and the Government's response in early July.
Progress Stage 3 of the Three Capes Track development.	Construction has commenced on Stage 3, the final stage upgrading the track to Cape Raoul and the Shipstern Bluff look-out, with \$4 million from the State Government and \$3.8 million from the Federal Government. Since opening, from December 2015 to June 2017, more than 15,838 people have completed the award-winning walk, far exceeding targets.
Advance new renewable energy development in Tasmania.	<p>The \$300 million Wild Cattle Hill wind farm was announced on 6 June 2017, to create 150 jobs and power over 60,000 homes, following in-principle agreement between Aurora Energy and Goldwind. Once complete, the windfarm will increase wind generation capacity in Tasmania by nearly 50 per cent.</p> <p>On 27 June 2017, the \$280 million Granville Harbour Wind Farm was announced, to power 40,000 homes, with Hydro Tasmania reaching in-principle agreement with Westcoast Wind Pty Ltd. This project will create 200 jobs during construction.</p> <p>The Tasmanian Government is progressing studies with \$2.5 million funding from ARENA to explore further Hydro augmentation, pump hydro potential and the greater role Tasmania can play in supply of low emission energy to the mainland (battery of the nation).</p>
Introduce legislation to reform Tasmania's cultural and creative industries sector.	Legislation was introduced into the House of Assembly on 4 May 2017. The <i>Cultural and Creative Industries Bill</i> will streamline and clarify the funding processes to make it easier for the sector to apply for funding support in Tasmania.
Introduce legislation to establish the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery as a statutory authority.	Legislation was introduced on 6 April 2017 and has passed the House of Assembly. This Bill provides for a modern governance system for TMAG, helping to ensure its position as a key tourism and cultural institution well into the future.

<p>Introduce the Forestry (Unlocking Production Forests) Bill to bring forward access to the public forestry wood bank – the Future Potential Production Forest land.</p>	<p>The legislation for a growing, sustainable forestry industry was passed the House of Assembly but was blocked by Labor’s numbers in the Legislative Council. The Government will take this critical legislation to the next election, to support small sawmillers and the specialty timbers sector by unlocking our production forests, ending the public subsidies and saving jobs.</p>
<p>Commence dedicated direct flights to China for Tasmanian fresh milk.</p>	<p>QANTAS will carry more than 50,000 litres of fresh VAN milk in a dedicated weekly Boeing 767 freighter flying from Hobart to Ningbo. The freight service is delayed while traffic rights are finalised. Flights are expected to commence before Spring.</p>
<p>Finalise review of Forestry Tasmania’s 14,000 km road network – to ensure ongoing maintenance and access for tourism, emergency services, recreational pursuits and other non-forest activities.</p>	<p>Draft advice received and additional Community Service Obligation funding provided for roads which support tourist and local community access. Access to these roads is of significant importance for tourism and regional communities, including for fire-fighting, which is why the Government is providing an additional \$8 million a year to Forestry Tasmania for Community Service Obligations.</p>
<p>Introduce legislation to protect Tasmania’s recreational fishery, by banning trawling operations in Tasmanian waters</p>	<p>The <i>Living Marine Resources Amendment Bill</i> was introduced in April and passed both Houses of Parliament in May 2017. The legislation bans super trawlers in Tasmanian waters, fulfilling an election commitment and giving certainty to recreational fishers.</p>
<p>Closure of applications for Northern Economic Stimulus \$60 million local government loan program.</p>	<p>The Accelerated Capital Works Local Government Loan Program is working to boost confidence in the north and stimulate economic growth. Twelve councils applied for loans as part of the stimulus, with more than \$50 million worth of projects nominated, including the CH Smith redevelopment, the Cataract Gorge upgrade, St John Street redevelopment and the redevelopment of the Brisbane Street mall. The Program was extended State-wide in the 2017-18 Budget.</p>
<p>Commence building 32 new affordable homes under the Private Developer/Shovel Ready Program Stage Two.</p>	<p>27 homes are now complete and have either transferred, or are due to transfer from the developer to Housing Tasmania by the end of June. The remaining homes are on track to transfer by August.</p>
<p>Complete the \$32 million project to upgrade and realign the Brooker Highway junctions at Howard, Goodwood and Elwick Roads to improve traffic flow and minimise peak-time congestion.</p>	<p>The Brooker Highway is one of the busiest sections of roads in Tasmania, carrying the second highest volume of traffic in Tasmania and more than 1.6 million tonnes of freight annually. This State-Federal investment has been critical to productivity, safety and reducing congestion and traffic flow for all Tasmanians. The project has supported local jobs through Tasmanian company Hazell Bros. The roadworks were completed on 3 May 2017 and travel time data shows a reduction in travel time between 25 and 40 per cent.</p>
<p>Announce minor grants from the \$13.9 million Community Infrastructure Fund.</p>	<p>All successful recipients have been advised. The Fund has provided grants of up to \$50,000 for projects that benefit local communities and jobs, from community halls and facilities, to township beautification, parks, gardens and playgrounds, recreational and</p>

	sporting facilities, cycle ways and walking trails, to equipment for local events like Festivale and Agfest.
Introduce the Mineral Resources Development Amendment Bill to streamline the mining approvals process and provide greater certainty for investment and jobs in regional Tasmania.	The Bill was introduced on 15 June 2017, and includes changes to limit the grounds for frivolous appeals against mining projects by Green front groups. The legislation also supports the mining industry by reducing the regulatory burden and streamlining processes.
Announce the successful tenderer for the construction of 100 new Metro buses to be built on Tasmania's North-West Coast.	Bustech Pty Ltd was awarded the tender on 19 April 2017, to manufacture the new fleet of 100 Metro buses in partnership with Wynyard-based Elphinstone, creating over 40 new full-time jobs for the North-West. The buses will feature Euro 6 standard diesel engines, the lowest emitting on the market. This is the single biggest investment in public transport in Tasmania's history.
Receive the \$400,000 independent Strategic Review of the June 2016 Floods that affected many Tasmanian communities and businesses.	The independent Review report was released on 5 June 2017 and found the response of all levels of government was generally robust, but the overall response could be improved for future events in some areas. The Review included 24 recommendations which are now being considered by Government – see the Report at <a href="http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/government_flood_review">www.dpac.tas.gov.au/government_flood_review</a>
Commence improvements at the Bruny Island Neck, including road sealing, an updated relocated car park to accommodate increased visitor numbers and installation of under-road culverts to improve safety for wildlife.	Works are subject to development approval from the Kingborough Council. The planning permit to allow construction was issued by the Council in June 2017 and construction will commence in the first week of July. The upgrades include sealing the final 2.5km section of Neck road, improved safer crossing facilities for penguins, and a larger, relocated car park to accommodate increased visitors.
Take delivery of the new \$8.6 million police vessel Cape Wickham to provide Tasmania Police with a world-class patrol vessel with enhanced capabilities	Construction and fit out of the PV Cape Wickham is currently being finalised. The vessel has been launched and sea trials are about to commence prior to delivery to Tasmania in early July.
Complete successful trade mission to South Korea and Japan.	Trade mission concluded in March 2017, with new doors opening for trade following the signing of the Korea Free Trade Agreement, removing tariffs of up to 300 per cent on agricultural exports, such as beef, wine, horticulture, dairy and seafood.
Commence the Supporting Small Business with Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program to make it easier for small business to employ apprentices and trainees.	The Program commenced on 1 May 2017, with five new <i>business support providers</i> available across the State to help small business owners navigate their way through taking on a new apprentice or trainee. This complements 2017-18 Budget announcements of \$2 million to pilot a small business grants program to support small business to employ more apprentices and trainees; and incentive payments of up to \$4000 per apprentice or trainee upon successful completion of major milestones in the first two years of their training.

Commence the Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme.	The program was launched on 1 May 2017, and due to significant interest, the Scheme was doubled to \$20 million on 6 June 2017. There have been nearly 2000 applications for funding to purchase energy efficient appliances and equipment, including solar panels, double glazing, heat pumps, hot water systems, home insulation and block-out blinds and curtains.
Launch of “Sense T” Tourist Tracking Project – a partnership with industry, government and UTAS to better understand our visitors, where they go and what they do, to plan future development and infrastructure.	The Tourism Tracer Dashboard was launched on 24 May 2017 and demonstrated at the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania’s industry conference in May 2017. The Dashboard provides online access to data collected via smart phones used by visitors as part of the Project, showing where visitors go, how long they stay, the infrastructure being used, all in real time – in a world first tourist tracking project.
Release the First Year Implementation Plan for the Visitor Engagement Strategy.	This report, showcasing the projects that make up Tasmania’s visitor engagement strategy, will be published to the State Growth website ( <a href="http://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au">www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a> ) at the end of June 2017.
Introduce the Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Regression and Probationary Licences) Bill to reduce the incidence of unlicensed drivers.	The legislation was introduced in the House of Assembly on 16 March 2017 but has not yet been considered by the Legislative Council. The legislation introduces measures aimed at supporting returning drivers after a period of licence loss to assist them to return to safe and compliant licensing, as well as expanding the types of situations where a probationary licence can be issued with conditions tailored specifically to the driving history of the licence holder.
Release the Third Progress Report for the Tasmanian Visitor Economy Strategy (T2I) 2015-2020.	The Report was released on 25 May 2017 and shows significant gains, with visitor numbers in 2016 up 7% on the previous year, a 10% increase in visitor spending; increased air capacity by 99,400 new seats; new tourism projects; and investment in new domestic marketing campaigns. A copy of the Progress Report can be found at <a href="http://www.t2i.net.au">www.t2i.net.au</a>
Finalise Tourism Tasmania’s new international marketing approach.	Tourism Tasmania’s new international marketing approach was released on 30 June 2017. This new approach will change the way Tourism Tasmania operates in various international source markets.
Tasmania to host the first Suncorp Super Netball League game at the Silverdome.	The Collingwood Magpies played the Queensland Firebirds on 30 April 2017 at the Silverdome, with a crowd of 1721 attending. The \$1.65 million three-year partnership between the Government, Netball Australia and the Collingwood Football Club will increase grassroots participation in netball.
Declaration of North-East Rail line as a strategic infrastructure corridor to enable the development of the North-East rail-trail between Scottsdale and Coldwater Creek.	The Government’s <i>Strategic Infrastructure Corridors (Strategic and Recreational Use) Act</i> is now law and a Corridor Notice has been approved by Parliament over the former rail line. Infrastructure Tasmania has commissioned an independent assessment of an alternative proposal to use the corridor for tourist rail.

<p>Complete 2016-17 Autumn cross-tenure fuel reduction program as part of the Government's commitment to invest \$28.5 million over four years.</p>	<p>The Autumn burn season is now complete with 149 burns undertaken. The Government has now committed over \$55 million for the Fuel Reduction Program since coming to Government, and the success of the Program has been confirmed with recent remodelling of the bushfire risk showing the State-wide bushfire risk has been reduced by 4.5% over the last three years, with some areas having their bushfire risk halved since the program began.</p>
<p>Complete road safety upgrades on the 10 km section of the Midland Highway between Kempton and Melton Mowbray, as part of the \$500 million Midland Highway 10-year Action Plan.</p>	<p>The 10km upgrade which includes four new overtaking lanes, junction upgrades, central flexible safety barriers and turning facilities, is completed. The Mood Food to Melton Mowbray, and Kempton to Mood Food stages, were completed on 9 and 15 June respectively.</p>
<p>Government response to the Forest Industry Growth Strategy.</p>	<p>The Government responded to the Growth Strategy in May and committed \$4 million in the 2017-18 Budget to support the Forest Growth Plan. This funding will support the industry to allow it to rebuild.</p>
<p>Commence sale of long-term forestry rights over pulpwood plantations.</p>	<p>Forestry Tasmania called for expressions of interest on 9 December 2016. While the details of the sale process are confidential, Forestry Tasmania advises that final binding bids have been received and assessment of bids undertaken. Sale proceeds will be used to retire debt and fund the transition to a sustainable future.</p>
<p>Commence the next phase in reducing red tape in Tasmania's workers compensation and occupational licensing schemes.</p>	<p>The <i>Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill</i> passed the House of Assembly on 2 May and is currently with the Upper House for debate. The Bill will reduce the excessive red tape associated with the administration and legislation of the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme.</p>
<p>Commence new regulations for Property Agents, strengthening protections for consumers.</p>	<p>The <i>Property Agents and Land Transactions Regulations</i> commenced on 1 April 2017 and are aimed at streamlining regulation of property agents with a new universal licensing scheme, as well as strengthening consumer protections including improving the ability of tenants and owners of residential properties to make claims for the recovery of losses.</p>
<p>Complete a review of the Permanent Native Forest Estate Policy – one of the essential pillars of Tasmania's sustainable, renewable forest industry.</p>	<p>New land clearing rules for farmers were announced as part of the State's new Permanent Native Forest Estate Policy, allowing farmers to sensibly be able to convert up to 40 hectares of native forest to agricultural purposes per property per year in rural planning zones. Without the new policy a total ban on clearing would have applied to farmers.</p>
<p>Introduce the Miscellaneous Tax Amendment Bill to reduce red tape for deceased estates and facilitate the introduction of e-conveyancing.</p>	<p>The Bill was introduced in April 2017 and has passed both Houses. The Act received Royal Assent on 8 May 2017.</p>

Legislate to establish the TT-Line Vessel Replacement Fund to protect monies set aside for replacement vessels.	The Bill was introduced on 15 November 2016 and passed both Houses of Parliament on 13 April 2017. The Fund, which locks away funding to be used only to meet the costs of replacing the Spirits in the early 2020s, has been boosted by an additional \$100 million in the 2017-18 State Budget. TT-Line passengers have increased by nearly 30%, underlining the importance of the Fund for Tasmania's future.
Introduce the Local Government Rating Amendment Bill to clarify the Crown Land rating exemption to ensure equity in rateable land.	The Bill was introduced in the House of Assembly in March 2017 and passed on 4 April 2017. The legislation received Royal Assent on 23 June 2017.
Deliver the 2017-18 Budget – the majority Liberal Government's 4 <sup>th</sup> Budget.	The Budget was delivered on 25 May 2017 and builds Tasmania's future by providing the biggest ever boost to health in a single budget of \$658 million and 106 hospital beds. It includes a \$25 million youth employment strategy, invests more into education and supporting Tasmanians in need and invests \$2 billion in infrastructure while providing cumulative surpluses of just over \$200 million. The Budget has been well-received with over 100 positive endorsements from key stakeholders and community groups.
Complete the transfer of the RBF Accumulation Scheme members to Tasplan and Defined Benefits members to the Superannuation Commission.	All RBF accumulation scheme members were transferred to TasPlan on 1 April 2017, with fiduciary and administrative responsibility for the Defined Benefits Scheme transferring to the Superannuation Commission on the same day. The creation of Tasplan Super provides a \$7.1 billion Tasmanian superfund, managing the superannuation of 165,000 Tasmanians and securing Tasmanian jobs.
Complete project reviewing the Tasmanian Shellfish Quality Assurance Program and the Biotoxin Management Plan.	DPIPWE has completed a review of the Tasmanian Shellfish Quality Assurance Program and Biotoxin Management Plan. The next step is for the future program design and an implementation plan to be finalised in collaboration with the shellfish industry.
Release draft of the Biosecurity Bill 2017 for public comment.	The draft Bill was released on 24 April for public consultation. The proposed legislation would replace 7 existing Acts with a new single Biosecurity Bill to provide a more modern and effective regulatory framework for biosecurity. Consultation is ongoing.
Commence two new senior regulatory positions for the Office of Racing Integrity – a Regulatory Veterinarian and a Stipendiary Steward.	Both positions are now in place, with the successful applicants commencing work on 3 April 2017 (Regulatory Veterinarian) and 15 May (Stipendiary Steward). The appointments were key recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in Tasmania.
Release the Fruit Fly Strategy for Tasmania.	The Strategy was released on 29 June 2017 and builds on Tasmania's comprehensive system of import protocols, surveillance and biosecurity frontline to continue to protect the State's fruit fly free status that's critical for our access to overseas markets for exports.

Release the Cat Management Plan.	The Plan was released on 28 June 2017 and is the first comprehensive and collaborative approach to managing cats in Tasmania. It recognises that cat management is a shared responsibility and among a number of initiatives, encourages responsible cat ownership to minimise the impact of cats on the environment and agriculture.
Introduce to Parliament the Salmonid Aquaculture Environmental Regulation Reform Bill 2017.	Draft legislation will now be tabled in Parliament in Spring alongside the Sustainable Growth Plan for the Tasmanian Salmonid Industry, to ensure future growth of the industry occurs sustainably, giving confidence to the community and market, and supporting over 5000 existing jobs in the industry and in regional Tasmania. The legislation will include a new environmental regulatory framework, with responsibility with the independent Environment Protection Authority, a new environmental licence and “no-grow” zones.
Launch of 2017 Digital Ready for Business program, including website.	The 2017 program and new website were launched on 14 April 2017, to help small business and retailers make the most of opportunities in the digital economy with online resources, events, coaching and tips See: <a href="http://www.business.tas.gov.au/digital-ready/the-digital-ready-program">www.business.tas.gov.au/digital-ready/the-digital-ready-program</a>
Complete Stage 2 of the free Wi-Fi roll-out in Tasmanian tourism hotspots, and release of the Government’s Free Wi-Fi Network Year 1 usage overview.	The Government’s free Wi-Fi Network now includes 153 access points across 60 locations around the State. As at 22 June 2017, across the entire network, over 284,000 users have accessed the service since the first hotspot went live at Bridport in December 2015. Seventy-five per cent of those users were first-time users of the network. The latest hotspots to be activated are located in Burnie’s CBD, Legana, Beauty Point and Westbury.
Complete road safety upgrades on the Mangalore to Bagdad Stage 1 Project, as part of the \$500 million Midland Highway 10-year Action Plan	Practical completion of the \$10m Stage 1 was achieved in March 2017. The works included a central turning lane, junction upgrades and a central flexible safety barrier north of East Bagdad Road.
Commissioning of Telstra’s mobile phone service at Targa under the Mobile Black Spot Program.	The project is now expected to be completed in early July 2017, due to difficulties in obtaining landholder consent for construction.
Launch of Tasmanian Code Club 2017 Program.	Negotiations about the Program are being finalised and a launch is expected soon. There are currently 99 Code Clubs in Tasmania.
<b>PRIORITY AREA 2: HEALTH AND EDUCATION</b>	
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Introduce Public Health (Healthy Tasmania) legislation to implement tobacco and e-cigarette reforms	Legislation was introduced to Parliament on 30 May 2017 to increase penalties for selling or supplying smoking products to a child, introduce new laws to regulate electronic cigarettes, introduce targeted campaigns through Quit smoking at the point of

under the Five-year Healthy Tasmania Strategic Plan.	sale and increase the licence fees to sell tobacco, and run a State-wide program to encourage pregnant women to quit smoking.
Introduce legislation to streamline prescribing rights for allied health and other health professionals.	Legislation was introduced to Parliament on 5 April and has passed both Houses of Parliament. The new laws commenced on 13 June 2017. The amendments extend regulation-making powers to include the rights of certain allied health professionals to prescribe some medications, delivering an improved framework that brings Tasmania into line with other States.
Complete structural demolition of B-block, enabling the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment.	Structural demolition is complete with foundation works now underway on the new inpatient precinct, which will increase bed capacity at the RHH by 250. The redevelopment project will generate about \$1.6 billion in economic benefit to Tasmania and create 400 direct jobs.
Implement Stage II of the Patients First Program, delivering additional beds to improve patient flow and Emergency Department crowding at the Royal Hobart Hospital and Launceston General Hospital and North West Regional Hospital.	The Government has provided funding to deliver 106 staffed beds to open in 2017 and 2018. They include 2 new ICU beds at the RHH; 10 short-stay beds in the RHH ED; 22 beds at the Hobart Repat Hospital; 8 beds at the Hobart Private Hospital; 10 beds at the Roy Fagan Centre; 7 beds at the New Norfolk Hospital; 19 beds at the LGH; 20 beds at the John L. Grove rehabilitation centre; 4 short-stay ED beds at the North-West Regional Hospital and 4 surgical beds.
Complete construction of the new Ulverstone Dental Clinic.	Construction has been completed on the new \$690,000 Ulverstone Dental Clinic. The Clinic provides comprehensive care to children up to 17 years of age, as well as outreach oral health promotion in the local community.
Complete the Launceston Ambulance Station capital upgrade.	The upgrade will be slightly delayed with works scheduled for completion by mid-July 2017. The \$850,000 upgrade included significant repairs to the building, roof, drainage and driveways to allow continued operations from the Wellington Street station.
Commence Extended Care Paramedic Service and First Intervention Vehicle in Hobart.	Three Extended Care Paramedics are now fully operational in Hobart, reducing Emergency Department presentations. A similar trial of Extended Care Paramedics in Launceston found that almost seven out of 10 patients seen by these paramedics could be treated at home without the unnecessary need for transport to hospital.
Review the first 12 months of operation of the North-West Cancer Centre.	The North-West Cancer Centre has been fully operational since May 2016 and is providing medical oncology, radiation oncology services and associated education and support facilities. In its first year of operation, more than 8000 patient visits to Launceston for radiation therapy treatment have been avoided, and there are currently 30-35 people being treated at Burnie on an average day. Across the North and North-West, radiation therapy services have grown by 10-12 per cent over the past financial year, with a 20% increase in day medical oncology at Mersey, and an 8% increase at the LGH Holman Clinic.

<p>Release the comprehensive Active Ageing Strategy for older Tasmanians.</p>	<p>The <i>Strong, Liveable Communities: Tasmania's Active Ageing Plan 2017-2022</i> was publicly released on 23 May, following consultation led by the Council of the Ageing Tasmania (COTA) with more than 900 Tasmanians. Government funding of \$240,000 in 2017-18 will kick-start the implementation of the Plan. A copy of the Plan can be found at <a href="http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au">http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au</a></p>
<p>Complete construction of Transit lounge at the North-West Regional Hospital.</p>	<p>The new \$410,000 transit lounge has been completed and provides a comfortable waiting area for patients, relatives and carers using the new bus service between the North-West Regional Hospital and Mersey Community Hospital.</p>
<p>Draft report on the social and economic impact on changing the school starting age received.</p>	<p>The Secretary is on track to deliver her report into the social and economic impacts within the designated timeframe.</p>
<p>Establish the Aboriginal Education Reference Group to provide advice on developing Aboriginal Education Strategic Plans to support high quality programs and curriculum resources.</p>	<p>The Reference Group has been established and had its inaugural meeting on 5 April 2017. The Department of Education has already developed a number of resources already in collaboration with Tasmanian Aboriginal people, to ensure teachers can share the history and culture of Tasmanian Aboriginals in the curriculum of all Government schools.</p>
<p>Employ an additional three Aboriginal Early Years Education workers.</p>	<p>The three appointments have been made and employment has commenced at East Devonport, George Town and New Norfolk Child and Family Centres.</p>
<p>Release the Government's response to the Review of Years 9-12, identifying opportunities to improve attendance, retention and attainment outcomes.</p>	<p>The 9-12 Review Final Report was tabled in Parliament on 7 March 2017, with the Government agreeing to all the Report's recommendations except that which fell outside the Review's scope. Implementation of the recommendations is now underway.</p>
<p>Complete Phase I of the Review of Literacy Teaching, Training and Practice in Government schools.</p>	<p>A contract has been signed with the Peter Underwood Centre of Educational Attainment to undertake the review. Phase I of the review is currently underway with a comprehensive literature review. All five phases of the Review will be conducted between April 2017 and December 2019.</p>
<p>Complete capital works at Smithton High School, Montrose Bay High School, Prospect High School and the School of Special Education North-West.</p>	<p>Completion of capital works is slightly delayed. Smithton High School works will be completed by August 2017; Montrose Bay High School works have been completed; Prospect High works will be completed in August 2017; and School of Special Education North-West will also be completed in August 2017.</p>
<p>Establish the Autism Class Support Program at Rose Bay High School and implement additional autism support programs in the North and North-West of Tasmania.</p>	<p>A new autism class has been established at Rose Bay High School commencing from Term 1, 2017. New classes will be established at Summerdale Primary School (North) and Romaine Park Primary School (North-West) to commence from Term 3, 2017. \$4 million has been provided by the Government to support the Autism Class Support Program over four years.</p>

Commence the Beacon Collective Education project at Ulverstone High School, Bayview Secondary College, and the Jordan River Learning Federation.	Each school has commenced planning for on-the-ground implementation of the initiative from Term 3, 2017. The Project is a \$15 million investment through a partnership between the Government, the Beacon Foundation and the Paul Ramsay Foundation, aimed at addressing low year 12 attainment of students to drive change and lift aspirations.
Employ six full-time equivalent social worker positions to support the Tasmanian Government's Strong Families, Safe Kids child protection redesign program.	All six social workers are employed and work across a network of schools. Two are based in Launceston, one is based in Devonport and three are based in Hobart.
<b>PRIORITY AREA 3: SUPPORTING TASMANIANS IN NEED</b>	
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Introduce legislation to help resolve neighbourhood disputes over problem trees.	The <i>Neighbourhood Disputes About Plants Bill</i> was introduced on 14 March 2017 and is going through final stages in the Upper House. The legislation establishes a cost-effective, efficient and accessible scheme for the resolution of disputes between neighbours where plants affect access to natural sunlight or views.
Introduce legislation to give effect to the recommendations of the Sentencing Advisory Council on sex offence sentencing and the Government's commitment to mandatory sentences for serious child sexual offences.	Legislation was introduced on 3 May and passed the House of Assembly, despite the opposition by Labor and the Greens. It was then defeated in the Upper House 6-6. If Labor MLCs had supported the Bill, it would have passed. The legislation would have provided <i>minimum</i> mandatory sentences of up to 4 years to anyone who commits a serious sexual offence against a child, sending a zero tolerance message to sexual predators. The Liberals remain committed to legislation and will take this policy to the next State election.
Receive, and progress recommendations contained in the independent review into Sentence and Remand Order Processing, undertaken by KPMG.	The KPMG independent review was released on 8 March 2017 with five key recommendations. The Government accepted the majority of the review's recommendations including reviewing the Sentencing Act to enable simpler language and a consistent approach to the terms of warrants. A Sentence Administration Unit has been established, while work continued to identify a modern alternative to the IT systems currently implemented at Courts and within the Tasmanian Prison Service. The 2017-18 State Budget provides \$150,000 to scope a modern alternative to the IT systems currently implemented at Courts and within the Tasmanian Prison Service.
Progress recommendations in the independent review into the Magistrates Court, which has examined the court's administrative and electronic systems and processes, to ensure the most effective utilisation of court staff to	The review of the Magistrate Court was received by Government on 23 May 2017, with all recommendations to be considered and a Steering Committee formed to progress the recommendations. Immediate actions have included the appointment of new Magistrates Court administrator supported by a General Manager to swiftly implement the required changes. Priority action will be to revise the current remand and custody procedures, to share

support improved service delivery and access to justice.	information between the Supreme Court, Magistrates Courts, Tasmania Prison Service and Tasmania Police.
Complete the implementation of the Custodial Inspector attached to the Office of the Ombudsman, in order to provide independent advice relating to the safety, custody, care, wellbeing and rehabilitation of prisoners in Tasmania.	Legislation to establish an independent Custodial Inspector for Tasmania's Prison System passed Parliament on 25 August 2016. Richard Connock was appointed as the Custodial Inspector in January 2017 and staged inspections commenced on 1 May 2017.
Introduce the Expungement of Historical Offences Bill.	Legislation was introduced on 6 April 2017, has passed the House of Assembly and is currently with the Upper House for debate.
Introduce amendments to the Aboriginal Relics Act.	Historic legislation passed both Houses on 1 June 2017, following consultation with Aboriginal people and other key stakeholders, providing protection for rich Aboriginal heritage, increasing penalties for damage to Aboriginal heritage, and establishing a statutory Aboriginal Heritage Council.
Completion of projects for new, safer bus stops and associated infrastructure in regional areas under the Rural Bus Stops Upgrade program.	The Rural Bus Stop Upgrades Program has contributed to bus stop upgrades worth a total of \$530,000, helping councils to construct newer, safer bus stops and associated infrastructure in regional areas to reduce the risk to students and other members of the public. Seven of the nine projects have been completed, with one in Ulverstone to be completed in July, and the final one proposed by the Launceston City Council not proceeding as Council was unable to access the required land.
Announce recipients of second \$100,000 Multicultural Grants Program.	Grants were announced on 22 March, with 14 organisations receiving funding to enhance cultural diversity and promote social cohesion and showcase the vibrancy of multiculturalism in Tasmania.
Extraordinary Tasmanian women and women's organisations to be inducted onto the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women.	Twenty-one women and one organisation were inducted onto the Roll on 31 March 2017 in recognition of their achievements and contribution to Tasmania. See <a href="http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au">www.dpac.tas.gov.au</a>
Introduce Children, Young Persons and their Families Bill to strengthen legislation around family group conferences and assist the continued implementation of the Signs of Safety program for families involved with Child Safety Services.	The legislation was introduced on 4 May 2017 and is yet to be debated. The amendments relate to voluntary care agreements and family meetings and arose from recommendations of an independent Legislative Amendment Review Reference Committee. Informal family meetings have been adopted administratively with great success, and this Bill will better support those meetings.
Commence joined up Human Services Lead Support Coordination Service trial.	The Lead Support Coordination Service commenced in May 2016. This initiative will work to improve service delivery to people with complex needs, fulfilling an election commitment to deliver person-centred support services for those most in need.

<p>Introduce to Parliament tougher anti-fortification laws to combat outlaw motorcycle gangs.</p>	<p>The <i>Removal of Fortifications Bill 2017</i> was introduced on 5 April 2017, has passed the House of Assembly and is awaiting debate in the Upper House. The legislation cracks down on criminal groups using fortified buildings to conduct illegal activities, and gives Police greater powers to remove fortifications.</p>
<p>Continue to implement the Safe Homes, Safe Families Family Violence Action Plan, with the ongoing roll-out of the Rapid Rehousing Initiative and development of the Hobart Women's Shelter new crisis accommodation.</p>	<p>The new Hobart Women's Shelter is underway, with construction commenced and the new shelter complete by late 2017.</p> <p>There are now 46 properties available under the Rapid Rehousing initiative, helping families and individuals to leave violent relationships.</p>
<p>Complete 27 new affordable homes under the Private Developer/Shovel Ready Stage I Program in the North-West and South.</p>	<p>Developers have completed 27 new properties to increase the supply of social housing under the Government's \$73.5 million Affordable Housing Strategy.</p>
<p>Commencement of civil works at Somerset for subdivision and affordable housing under the Government's Affordable Housing Action Plan.</p>	<p>Works commenced in March and will be completed in June 2017. The \$73.5 million Tasmanian Affordable Housing Strategy will deliver affordable housing options for 1600 households over four years, in addition to 1000 families housed each year through Housing Connect. To date, the Action Plan has resulted in 286 new households getting access to housing.</p>
<p>Continue consultation on the Tasmanian Child Wellbeing Framework, a key part of the Strong Families, Safe Kids Implementation Plan.</p>	<p>The first phase of consultation has been completed and the Tasmanian Child and Youth Wellbeing Framework was released in early June. The Framework provides a common language for all service providers engaged in supporting children and young people. Its use will be implemented through key partners, including Education.</p>
<p>Commence a new motorcycle training and assessment program for all motorcycle riders, as part of the Government's goal to protect vulnerable road users and reduce Tasmania's road toll and serious injuries.</p>	<p>The Government has announced the preferred tenderer for the new motorcycle training curriculum, along with the location of training sites across the State, including two new purpose-built greenfield sites designed for motorcycle training. The training of motorcycle assessors is now underway to enable the new training curriculum to commence. In 2016, motorcycle riders made up 28.8% of serious casualty crashes while representing just 4% of Tasmania's vehicle fleet.</p>
<p>Introduce legislation to strengthen laws and enhance police powers for offenders who attempt to evade police.</p>	<p>The <i>Police Powers and Related Legislation (Evasion) Bill</i> was introduced on 13 April 2017 and has passed both Houses of Parliament. The legislation was considerably watered down by Labor Members of the Upper House, with no minimum mandatory penalties provided for repeat offenders who evade police.</p>
<p>Commence the review of the Graduated Licensing System to</p>	<p>The review of the Graduated Licensing System commenced in February 2017 and aims to improve the current system and reduce the number of serious casualties for 17-25 year olds. This is a key direction of the Government's new <i>Towards Zero – Tasmanian Road</i></p>

reduce serious casualties for 17-25 year olds.	<i>Safety Strategy 2017-2026</i> , that targets a reduction in the number of serious injuries and deaths on Tasmania's roads to fewer than 200 by 2026.
Receive advice from the Sentencing Advisory Council on appropriate law reform in the area of driving offences resulting in death or injury.	The Sentencing Advisory Council report was released in April 2017. The Government signalled its intention to introduce legislation in the Spring session of Parliament to make dangerous driving resulting in death or injury an indictable offence to reflect its seriousness and increasing the maximum penalties.
Release the new Best Practice Guide for those involved in supporting family violence survivors, in response to a key recommendation in the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report into Family Violence.	The Guide will be provided to service providers in early July. The Guide includes a set of guidelines or tools for individuals or services working in the sector, to allow referral to the right services at the right time and better navigation through the support system for both family violence victims and perpetrators.
Introduce to Parliament legislation that modernises the Road Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Act including improved police powers, streamlining processes and removing loopholes created by court decisions.	The legislation was introduced on 13 June 2016 and has yet to be debated. The Bill contains amendments which are intended to enhance the operation of existing provisions and ensure the legislation remains contemporary. The amendments embrace advancements in science and technology associated with alcohol and drug detection since the original Act was created nearly 50 years ago.
Release of the On-Island Support Program for Refugees.	An additional \$1 million was provided by the Tasmanian Government to support refugees settling in Tasmania. Funding was announced on 28 April 2017 including helping new arrivals settle with extra educational assistance for students.
Women on State Sporting Organisations Board report released.	The report was finalised on 28 June and was released to the public on 30 June.
Introduction of new laws to cancel the registration of vehicles operating that display offensive material, and do not meet Advertising Standards (such as those operated by Wicked Campers).	The legislation, which allows vehicles to be deregistered if they do not meet advertising standards, has passed both Houses of Parliament. Some of the offensive slogans on these vans are completely unacceptable and clearly promote negative attitudes to women. The legislation sends a strong message that this will not be tolerated in Tasmania.