

AUSTRALIAN ROYAL COMMISSION
Comparison with
INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

| IICSA | The Royal Commission |
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| Established 7/7/14 | Established 13/1/13 |
| Y1. 2015/16 cost £14.73m ¹ Y2. 2016/7 cost 20.84m ² Y3. First Qtr £ 6.05m £18.50m annualised | £45.04m Annualised ³ |
| Population Eng + Wal : 57.89m x 2.43 population of Aus | Population Australia : 23.78m 41% population of Eng + Wal |
| 4 Panel members Chaired by Prof Jay OBE Social Worker | 6 Commissioners ⁴ Chaired by Justice McClellan Judge - NSW Court of Appeal |
| 216 staff at 4/7/17 | 250 staff by April 2014 |
| Duration: unknown | Duration: 5 yrs Report due Dec 17 |



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¹ IICSA Y1 (financial year 2015/6) the budget was £17.9 of which £14.73m was spent, returning £3.17m or 17.7% of budget to the Home Office

² IICSA Y2 (financial year 2016/17) budget was £30.94m of which £20.84m was spent, returning £10.1m or 32.6% of budget to the Home Office. In the first quarter of the current financial year IICSA has cost £6.05m

³ The Royal Commission initially received AU\$285 million funding for four years (£165m or £41.25m annualised). Its tenure was extended until December 2017 whereupon it was provided with further funding of AU\$ 104million (£60.2m) and a total budget of £225.2m over 5 years - £45.04m per annum

⁴ Each commissioner is responsible for specified strands of work

There were three major strands of work in the Royal Commission

- i. Private Sessions
- ii. Public hearings
- iii. Detailed Research and policy programme



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Currently the Royal Commission has :

- Conducted 7641 private sessions with individuals
- Handled 40,367 calls
- Received 24,826 letters and emails
- Made 2,393 referrals to authorities including police
- Completed 57 public hearings and case studies
- Completed a comprehensive programme of research
- Released 11 papers on key themes
- The Commission also undertook a comprehensive public engagement programme to raise the profile of the Commission's work



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- At a Victims Survivors Forum in London on 15/03/17 Dru Sharpling informed attendees that 200 people had 'given testimonies' (we do not have a definition for 'testimony') to the Truth Project which started in North West England in October 2015
- By 28/9/17
 - 1250 invitations had been sent for TP sessions
 - 620 people have booked their attendance
 - 475 private sessions had been held with TP
 - 182 written statements made to the TP
- To be comparable with the Royal Commission, IICSA should be targeting **18,500** truth project sessions
- IICSA state 1900 referrals have been sent to Operation Hydrant since December 2014. NFA's (No Further Action) are unknown. How this number of referrals has been achieved from 466 Truth Project sessions is unknown
- The Royal Commission ran a counter on its website with this informative data readily available
- Engagement with abusees :
 - The Royal Comm has 6390 twitter followers IICSA has 3,200
 - Proportionately IICSA might expect to have circa 15,500
 - The VSCP Twitter account has 498 followers
 - The Royal Commission had no similar advisory panel



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- The public hearings which formed part of the Royal Commission case studies, revealed the features and actions of institutions where CSA occurred and was concealed and facilitated. Most of the case study findings have been published. Some remain in progress, especially the larger studies concerning the Catholic Church. These findings reveal similar themes to other national inquiries (Ryan, 2009)
- The Commission also undertook analyses of claims made with respect to CSA in Catholic Church institutions and Anglican Church institutions
- Claimants alleged incidents of CSA involving 1880 alleged offenders and 530 other unspecified offenders
- Of all Catholic authorities with priest members, 7.0% of priests were alleged offenders
- 22% of non-ordained Christian Brothers were alleged perpetrators

These are claims which have effectively been accepted as substantiated.

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- Claims are limited to those subject to a formal application for redress through judicial or non-judicial processes, and those made where redress was not sought but which were substantiated after investigation by the Church or another body, or were otherwise accepted by the Church. Since many incidents of CSA are not disclosed at all, or are not disclosed to authorities (including the offending institution), the estimates generated are conservative.
- Overall 3,066 claims of child sexual abuse resulted in a payment being made following a claim for redress. Catholic Church authorities made total payments of AUD \$276.1 million (£164.54m) in response to claims of child sexual abuse received between 1 January 1980 and 28 February 2015, including monetary compensation, treatment, legal and other costs.

1/11/17



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