

AUSTRALIAN ROYAL COMMISSION
 Comparison with
 INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
 19 DECEMBER 2018

IICSA	The Royal Commission
Established 7/7/14	Established 13/1/13
Y1. 2015/16 cost £14.73m ¹ Y2. 2016/17 cost £20.84m ² Y3. 2017/18 cost £28.55m Y4 to Sept 2018/19 cost £17.01m £23.18 m annualised	£45.04m Annualised ³
Population England + Wales : 57.89m x 2.43 population of Aus	Population Australia : 23.78m 41% population of Eng + Wal
4 Panel members Chaired by Professor Jay OBE Social Worker	6 Commissioners ⁴ Chaired by Justice McClellan Judge - NSW Court of Appeal
216 staff at 4/7/17 Have not enquired since this date	250 staff at 04/14
Duration: Defined date not set	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 was 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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The Royal Commission :

- 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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- The Truth Project started in North West England in October 2015
- 1489 private sessions occurred by Nov 2018
- The inquiry launched a £1m advertising campaign to publicise the Truth Project in Nov 2017
- To be comparable with the Royal Commission, IICSA should be targeting 18,500 truth project sessions by completion
- IICSA state 1575 referrals have been sent to Operation Hydrant since between March 2015 – June 2017 some of which have been passed to more than one police force. NFA's (No Further Action) are 77%
- The Royal Commission ran a digital counter on its website with this data readily available
- Engagement with abusees :
 - The Royal Commission had 6390 twitter followers IICSA has 6,476
 - Proportionately IICSA might expect to have circa 15,500
 - The VSCP Twitter account has been closed
 - The Royal Commission had no similar VSCP advisory panel

