

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Briefing Note For: Chair Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators

ISSUE: **NCSIMG ADVICE FOR CDSMAC PROJECT FUNDING IN 2012-13**

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Background:

- The Chair of the National Community Services Information Group (NCSIMG), Mr Jim Moore has written to the Chair of the Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators (AJJA) regarding budget bid proposals for information development projects for the Community and Disability Services Ministers' Advisory Council (CDSMAC) 2012-13 funding cycle.
- The NCSIMG determines the priority of funding provided by CDSMAC for information development activities.
- At the November 2011 AJJA meeting, members agreed to seek funding for the recidivism pilot from the 2012/13 CDSMAC cost-share budget.

Comment:

- There are currently no juvenile justice Outcome KPIs published in the Report on Government Services (RoGS). In 2010, as part of the National Research Agenda, the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) prepared a report for AJJA on appropriate national counting rules for measuring recidivism. The AIC report also highlighted many of the qualifications that apply to the use of recidivism as an outcome of juvenile justice services. A summary report *Technical and Background Paper: Measuring Juvenile Recidivism in Australia* was published in January 2011.
- At the November 2011 AJJA meeting, members supported a proposal by AJJA's Research and Information Group (RIG) to seek funding for the next stage of recidivism analysis which would entail a pilot collection of recidivism data to test the robustness of the national counting rules. The objective of this project is to develop data collection that can be used to measure juvenile recidivism on a comparable basis across all Australian states and territories. This would be for internal AJJA consideration only.
- The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has advised the cost of supporting the pilot data collection will be \$88,750 (excl GST). An application has been prepared by AIHW for submission by AJJA to CDSMAC for funding from the 2012/13 cost-share budget (Attached).

- AJJA will need to seek support from the AIHW for funding from the CDSMAC 2012 - 2013 funding cycle for the next stage of the recidivism project.

Recommendation:

- That the Chief Executive approves correspondence to Mr Jim Moore, Chair, NCSMIG and the AIHW regarding AJJA's budget bid proposal for the next stage of measuring juvenile recidivism.

Attachments:

- Letter to Mr Jim Moore, Chair, NCSIMG
- Letter to the AIHW
- NCSMIG corro regarding the 2012-13 funding cycle
- AIHW Project Proposal - Developing and Implementing a Recidivism Data Collection

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