

Australasian Youth Justice Administrators Structure

AUSTRALASIAN YOUTH JUSTICE ADMINISTRATORS

Members: Comprises of senior executive officers from each of the Australian state and territory departments and New Zealand who are responsible for the delivery of youth justice services. The Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori Advisory Group also has membership on AYJA to provide cultural oversight of decisions made.

Role: A youth justice decision-making collective whose purpose is to share information of relevance for all youth justice jurisdictions, support the collection of relevant youth justice data, support and contribute to research in the area of youth justice and promote and maintain national principles, standards and guidelines for youth justice.

CHILD PROTECTION AND YOUTH JUSTICE WORKING GROUP (CPYJWG)

Members: YJ DIG members, AIHW and specialist observers (including the AYJA Chair and Secretariat)

Convenor: RGSP Steering Committee member

Secretariat: PC

Role: Provides technical expertise in the development of national youth justice performance indicators and data for the Report on Government Services (RoGS)

SUBCOMMITTEES

Members: Relevant representatives of statutory youth justice agencies in each jurisdiction

Role: Provides cross-jurisdictional advice and expertise to AYJA

Youth Justice Data and Information Group (YJ DIG)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori Advisory Group (IAG)

National Youth Justice Policy Forum (NYJPF)

Detention Centre Management Community of Practice (DCM CoP)

EVENT COMMITTEES

Chair: AYJA member

Secretariat: AYJA

Role: Progresses all conference planning, program development and implementation tasks

CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE (CPC)

Members: AYJA members, conference partner and hosting jurisdiction staff

FEEDER FORUM EVENT COMMITTEE (FFEC)

Members: DCM representatives

PARTNERS

To build the national evidence base for youth justice policy AYJA works in partnership with Commonwealth entities the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and the Productivity Commission (PC).

Each year AYJA commissions a suite of publications through an enduring MoU with AIHW and contributes to Chapter 17 of the RoGS.

The YJ DIG provides technical expertise for youth justice to both AIHW and the PC.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (AIHW)

AIHW manages the Youth Justice National Minimum Data Set (YJ NMDS) for AYJA and works closely with the YJ DIG to deliver a program of data and reporting for youth justice in Australia.

AIHW manage the YJ DIG meetings that comprise of jurisdictional representatives of statutory youth justice agencies from each Australian state and territory, AIHW, PC and ABS.

Chair: AYJA member

Secretariat: AIHW

Role: To manage the program of reporting under the AYJA-AIHW MoU.

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION (PC)

AYJA maintains a Commonwealth governance arrangement with the PC through the Review of Government Service Provision (RGSP) operating under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG)

MEETINGS

AYJA

- AYJA holds two face-to-face meetings each year, one in May and one in November
- Between meetings, a number of videoconferences are scheduled

SUBCOMMITTEE

Meet regularly, and reviewed annually/biennially by AYJA

- **YJ DIG** – one face-to-face meeting and five videoconferences
- **IAG** – one face-to-face meeting and three videoconferences
- **NYJPF** – one face-to-face meeting and one videoconference
- **DCM CoP** – one face-to-face meeting and three videoconferences

TIME-LIMITED

Convened to deliver on specific priorities and tasks before disbanding

- **CPC** – convenes biennially to plan and deliver the Australasian Youth Justice Conference
- **FFEC** – convenes biennially to plan and deliver the Australasian Detention Centre Management Feeder Forum Event

CPYJWG MEETINGS

The CPYJWG convenes for one face-to-face meeting and one videoconference