
Commission for Children and Young People

AUDIT OPINION

The audit of the Commission's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2005 resulted in an unqualified Independent Audit Report.

PERFORMANCE ISSUES

The Commission and its approved agencies screened 226,441 people in 2004-05 (215,792 in 2003-04). Fluctuations in screenings are dependent on labour movements within the industries that require screening under the legislation. Screening is not transferable from one employer group to another.

CONTROL ISSUES

We identified opportunities for minor improvements in internal control procedures and we reported them to management.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Year ended 30 June	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Revenue	122	1,062
Employee related expenses	3,569	3,232
Other expenses	4,695	3,994
Net cost of services	8,145	6,164
Government contributions	8,359	6,290
Net assets (at 30 June)	1,016	802

Revenue decreased mainly due to changed funding arrangements. The Department of Community Services transferred its screening function to the Commission in March 2004 and the budget to fund this service was paid to the Committee as revenue in 2003-04. From 2003-04, the Commission receives this funding through increased government contributions.

Employee related expenses increased mainly due to higher staff numbers and award increases. Other expenses increased mainly due to 2004-05 being the first full year of employee screening for both the Commission's clients and Department of Community Services.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

The *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* establishes the Commission for Children and Young People. It aims to involve children and young people in decisions that affect them and to promote their interests and well-being. The Commission undertakes inquiries, conducts research and public education, and provides information and advice to assist children and their families. The Commission is an approved screening agency under the Act.

The Act requires employers to screen the background of preferred applicants for paid child-related employment, foster carers, ministers of religion and members of religious organisations. The purpose of employment screening is to protect children.

For further information on the Commission, refer to www.kids.nsw.gov.au.