

# STATE WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09

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## STATISTICAL DATA 2008/2009

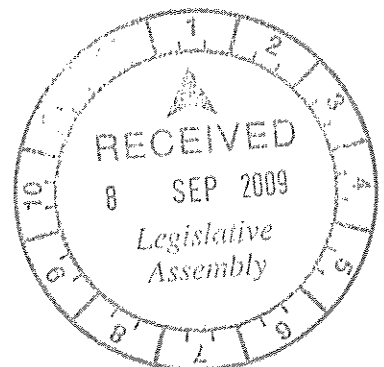
(PAR = Persons At Risk)

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| • Total number of formal referrals (defined by a formal interview and offer of witness protection) including children. | 32        |
| • Total number of formal referrals that progressed to the State Witness Protection Program Committee (SWPP).           | 1 (3 PAR) |
| • Number waiting to be progressed to the SWPP.   | 1 (2 PAR) |
| • Total number of formal referrals relating to crimes of Domestic Violence.  | 14        |
| • Total number of formal referrals relating to Organized Crime and other matters.                                      | 18        |
| • Total number of active operations in the SWPP.   | 8         |
| • Number of operations awaiting referral to the SWPP Committee.  | 1 (2 PAR) |
| • Number of operations terminated from SWPP  | 2 (5 PAR) |
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| • Number of males protected (including children).  | 5         |
| • Number of females protected (including children).  | 9         |
| • Total number of participants (including children).   | 14        |

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## OVERVIEW OF THE WITNESS PROTECTION UNIT 2008 / 2009

### RESOURCING

- |   |           |
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| • Staff gender ratio (% of female sworn officers) | 33%       |
| • Budget Expenditure – Operational Requirements   | \$105,120 |
| • Budget Expenditure – Witness Requirements       | \$169,602 |

### OPERATIONS

- Increased trend towards family violence referrals. Attributed to -
  - WPU proactive marketing to domestic violence (DV) case officers.
  - Organisational systems providing improved detection and intervention strategies in DV incidents.
- Culturally & linguistically diverse (CALD) communities training by WPU staff in preparation for possible future operational demand.
- Consistent PAR utilisation of psychological support as ongoing risk management practice.
- There were no cases of PAR breaching their Memorandum of Understanding by being incarcerated whilst on the SWPP.
- All PAR safety was maintained, no identified threat encountered.
- Two cases were finalised in District & Petty Sessions Courts by plea of guilty by the offender, without need for PAR to give evidence.