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STATE WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2009 – 2010

STATISTICAL DATA 2009/2010		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of formal referrals (defined by a formal interview and offer of witness protection) including children. • Total number of formal referrals that progressed to the State Witness Protection Program Committee (SWPP). • Number waiting to be progressed to the SWPP. • Total number of formal referrals relating to crimes of Domestic Violence. • Total number of formal referrals relating to Organized Crime and other matters. • Total number of active operations in the SWPP. • Number of operations awaiting referral to the SWPP Committee. • Number of operations terminated from SWPP 		<p>35</p> <p>5</p> <p>2</p> <p>26</p> <p>9</p> <p>12</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of males protected (including children). • Number of females protected (including children). • Total number of participants (including children). 		<p>7</p> <p>19</p> <p>26</p>

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OVERVIEW OF THE WITNESS PROTECTION UNIT 2009 / 2010

RESOURCING

- Staff gender ratio Case Officers (% of female sworn officers) 50%
- Budget Expenditure (not required to be reported on) \$310,631

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.
- With the increased domestic violence cases comes a significant increase in family law court issues.
- No PAR's on the SWPP breached their MOU their Memorandum of Understanding by being incarcerated whilst on the SWPP.
- The safety of all PAR's was maintained, no identified threat or compromise encountered.
- Two cases were finalised in District & Petty Sessions Courts by plea of guilty by the accused, without need for PAR to give evidence.