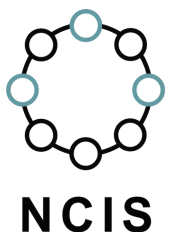


# Annual Report 2017-18

## National Coronial Information System



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## 1 Director's Foreword

The 2017-18 financial year was a busy period for the NCIS and one devoted to setting up a foundation for future initiatives.

This year we launched a new Strategic Plan listing four strategic goals and related action items for the next four years. The goals cover; data acquisition, data quality, data provision and data security in order to achieve our mission of comprehensive coronial data to those who need it. Reference to these goals is made in all business plan action items and is evident in the daily work of the NCIS.

This year we finalised a data quality project to reduce the number of closed cases awaiting quality assurance review. This was a two year project to ensure up-to-date quality and national consistency of NCIS coded cases. At 1 July 2016 there were over 30,000 cases awaiting quality review. At 1 July 2018 there are just over 5,000 cases which is the business-as-usual target.

This financial year also saw the launch of a new public website and commencement of an informal program of workplace wellness to ensure we are caring for the mental wellbeing of staff in what can be an emotionally challenging work environment.

We ended the year with an underspend of the operational budget by \$45,444, primarily due to some staff vacancies during the period. The revenue earned from User Pays fees was slightly decreased from the previous year but still contributed 15 per cent of the overall operating budget. Accounts receivable was reduced to a zero balance and at 30 June 2018, the NCIS remains in a healthy financial position with an NCIS Trust balance of \$877,511.

The work of the NCIS would not be possible without the support of the State and Chief Coroners in Australia and New Zealand and their staff. I thank them wholeheartedly for their ongoing support.

I would also like to thank the justice departments of the Australian States and Territories and New Zealand, and the Australian Commonwealth for continued financial support.

There were several staff moves during the year and I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those movements. Thanks go to Dr Eva Saar, Research and Engagement Manager, Thomas Burgess, Senior Research Officer and Caitlin Ring, Administration Officer, all of whom departed the NCIS to take up other positions during the year. Welcome to Lauren Dunstan, Engagement Manager, Alice Bussey, Administration Officer and Luisa Hope, Research Assistant and welcome back to Jessica Jackson, Assistant Manager, returning in April from twelve months parental leave.

The preparation of the Annual report has been an opportunity to reflect on the value and variety of work performed by the NCIS and I am pleased to share these activities with you in the *NCIS Annual Report 2017-18*.

Neil Twist

Director, National Coronial Information System  
Director, Strategic Planning  
Department of Justice and Regulation, Victoria

## 2 Testimonials

Selected words of appreciation received throughout the 2017-18 financial year are provided below:

### **Leanne Field, Coordinator, Information Release Team, Office of the State Coroner, Queensland**

*Prior to the establishment of the NCIS, coroners had to rely on memory or word of mouth to find previous cases that might be relevant to deaths currently being investigated. The NCIS has proven to be a valuable resource for the Queensland State Coroner and other Queensland coroners. The NCIS is able to identify similar Queensland and Australian cases for review which may assist coroners to make effective, evidence based recommendations.*

### **Dr Malcolm Dobbin, Senior Medical Advisor, Drugs Policy and Services, Victorian Department of Human Services**

*...thanks for the fantastic service you all provide. We're getting a lot of use out of this data, and hopefully it will lead to preventing some of these tragic and unnecessary deaths.*

### **A/Prof Tim Driscoll, Epidemiology and Occupational Medicine, Sydney School of Public Health, University of Sydney**

*The National Coronial Information System is the most innovative and comprehensive initiative anywhere in the world to make use of coroners information, and should underpin all major research initiatives into fatal injury in Australia.*

### **Kerry Haby, Research and Policy Development Officer, Macedon Ranges Shire Council**

*NCIS data has been invaluable in helping us identify some of the potential drivers for suicide in our community, but more importantly to us as a non-academic community-based group. NCIS staff are incredibly patient, responsive and thorough. We can't recommend NCIS highly enough.*

### **Jacqueline Milledge, former Senior Deputy State Coroner, New South Wales**

*Just Brilliant! Thank you so much for taking the time to do that [search on deaths involving logging incidents] for me.....absolutely invaluable! It's great to see the worth of your wonderful program in action. Well done!*

### 3 Highlights and Achievements – Uses of Data

In 2017-18, the NCIS continued in our mission to provide comprehensive coronial data to those who need it by preparing a range of reports for death investigators, researchers, government organisations, the media and community groups to support death prevention activities.

The NCIS unit produced 108 research reports at the request of coroners, death investigators and external parties. The reports are used as evidence to inform public discussion and decision making. The majority of reports focused on deaths related to intentional self-harm, prescription and illicit drugs, as well as drowning fatalities. A full list of NCIS data reports is included in Appendix one.

#### 3.1 NCIS data reports to assist coroners

In 2017-18, the NCIS produced 57 data reports at the request of coroners and death investigators. These reports covered a range of areas including fatalities relating to: falls, self-harm, drugs and alcohol by location and drug type. The advantage of the NCIS functionality is the capability of full text, key-word searching of descriptions about circumstances of the fatal incident and medical and legal findings. This facilitates detailed searching of particular locations, drug types or environmental conditions that are not possible via other mortality data collections. Coroners can then use this information for comparison and trend analysis. A full list of reports prepared for coroners is included in Appendix one.

A number of requests in 2017-18 related to information about end of life choices for persons with terminal or chronic illness. In November 2017, Victoria became the first state to legalise assisted dying. Also in November a similar bill was voted down in New South Wales and in Western Australia there is an ongoing Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices. Data from the NCIS has been utilised to inform the Coroner's submission to this committee.

At the 2017 Asia Pacific Coroners Society Conference, the keynote address was delivered by the Hon. Marshall Perron, former Northern Territory Chief Minister. The address focused on voluntary euthanasia and the coronial process. Mr Perron drew on NCIS data to support his advocacy of the role of coroners in discussions about assisted dying.

#### 3.2 NCIS data reports for external applicants

In 2017-18, the NCIS prepared 47 data reports at the request of external parties including media outlets. Data reports provide evidence for external parties with an interest in death and injury prevention and can provide vital information regarding community safety. All information provided is non-identifying. A complete list of report titles and the requesting organisation is provided in Appendix two.

#### 3.3 NCIS data reports for publication – Facts Sheets

Each year the NCIS produces a report for publication as part of the Fatal Facts series. In October 2017, the NCIS released, *Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities: Indigenous Australians*. Covering 13 years' worth of data, the publication presents information about the prevalence of self-harm fatalities among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. The report was published on the NCIS website and several media reports were generated as a result of the publication.

### 3.4 NCIS data for external research publications

The NCIS database is available for direct access by researchers with ethically approved research projects. At 30 June 2018, there were 93 active projects utilising NCIS data. Many of these research projects result in professional and peer reviewed publications which are often cited by media outlets to inform public discussion.

In 2017-18, there were 61 professional and peer reviewed papers and 37 media publications that utilised NCIS data. The research covered a range of topics including deaths in aged care, traffic-related deaths and drug-related fatalities. A full list of publications is included in Appendix three.

## 4 Highlights and Achievements – Data Collection and Data Quality

### 4.1 Data Collection

Data contained on the NCIS is provided by each coronial court in Australia and New Zealand. Supplementary data is provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Safe Work Australia:

- ◆ International Classification of Disease (ICD) coding – ABS
- ◆ Worker Related Codes including occupation, industry and injury type (TOOCS 3.0) – Safe Work Australia

The NCIS Unit ensures the data received from the coronial courts is quality assured and nationally consistent. Some of the data quality work undertaken in 2017-18 included:

#### *Upgrade of Geocoding Reference Files*

The residential and incident addresses for all deaths reported to an Australian Coroner that are closed on the NCIS are geocoded against the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS). Regular geocoding updates have continued throughout the 2017-18 financial year, with a total of over 612,000 address codes on the system containing geospatial coordinates. The geocoding of addresses is valuable in providing data stratified by geographic region. In particular, such data can be used to assess resource needs in relation to specific types of death, such as intentional self-harm deaths, based on location.

#### *Pharmaceutical Codeset Upgrade*

Over the past two years, in consultation with coders, researchers and toxicologists, the NCIS has conducted a review of our Pharmaceutical Substance for Human Use codeset - the Pharmaceutical Codeset. The upgrade is designed to simplify coding and searching for cases where drugs contribute to the death. Increasing the sophistication of the system will ensure more efficient data entry and comprehensive search returns. The upgrade was successfully implemented on 1 September 2018.

### 4.2 Quality Assurance

During 2017-18, the NCIS continued the project to reduce the total number of closed cases on the NCIS awaiting quality review.

At 1 July 2017, there were 19,521 closed cases awaiting quality review. The continued allocation of additional resources during 2017-18 resulted in a reduction of the number of closed cases awaiting quality review by almost three quarters. At 30 June 2018, there were 5,205 cases to be quality assured.

The efforts of the Quality Team have met the objective of reducing the backlog to a level which is manageable within the substantive resource allocation. At 30 June 2018, the Quality Team was reviewing data from cases closed within the last three months, in line with business-as-usual targets.

## **5 Delivery of Reporting**

### **5.1 Commonwealth Reporting**

The NCIS delivered three mortality reports to the Commonwealth Department of Health, a requirement of the partnership agreement held between the Commonwealth of Australia and the NCIS:

- ◆ NCIS Injury Mortality Data Report 2015
- ◆ NCIS Drug Mortality Data Report 2015
- ◆ NCIS Intentional Self-Harm Mortality Report 2015

## **6 NCIS Business and Strategic Plan**

### **6.1 NCIS Strategic Plan 2017-21**

In July 2017, a new Strategic Plan was developed and formally endorsed by the NCIS Board of Management in December 2017. This is available from [ncis.org.au](http://ncis.org.au). The plan lists four strategic goals. All work items undertaken by the NCIS team serve to meet one or more of the strategic goals. The four goals are:

- ◆ Ensure efficient and comprehensive acquisition of data
- ◆ Ensure data quality is of the highest possible standard
- ◆ Provision of quality coronial data to stakeholders
- ◆ Assurance of system continuity and security

### **6.2 NCIS Business Plan 2017-18**

In 2017-18, the NCIS Business Plan contained operational tasks designed to meet the four strategic goals. We made significant progress in each sphere of data acquisition, quality assurance, provision and system continuity. Several goals were completed in full and now move to business as usual practice. This includes the completion of the quality assurance project to reduce the number of cases awaiting quality review from 20,000 cases to 5,000. Other tasks have established a firm foundation and will be ongoing into the next business plan phase such as the item to increase the acquisition of medico-legal documents for attachment to the NCIS. Staff changes and absences had an impact on the delivery of some items but all items have progressed and the quality and comprehensiveness of data contained on the NCIS is increasing annually due to focused programs.

## 7 Teaching, Training, Supporting

### 7.1 Support for Coders

The NCIS continued to provide support to Coronial Court staff responsible for coding the data that is transferred to the NCIS. To meet the challenge of providing support to coders in many different locations, the NCIS have continued the development of online resources including the investigation of video conferencing for remote delivery of coding support. This is ongoing work and will be developed further in the 2018-19 year.

In addition, the NCIS is currently revising all elements of feedback for coders, in consultation with courts to ensure the feedback is valuable and jurisdiction specific. These measures are part of our continuous effort to ensure support for coders and to ensure the quality of data contained in the NCIS.

### 7.2 NCIS Search Training

In recent years, the NCIS have increased the availability of database search training. To ensure all users maximise the value of their access to the NCIS, all newly approved death investigators and third party researchers are offered search training. This is conducted either in person or remotely via Skype. In 2017-18, the NCIS conducted 19 search training sessions, delivering training to 46 individual users.

### 7.3 Student Placements

The NCIS hosted two student placements during the 2017-18 financial year. Two Health Information Management students from La Trobe University and completed the following projects:

- ◆ A review of the restricted cases on the NCIS. The project findings formed the foundation for discussions with the courts regarding the release of appropriate cases and the provision of additional information, such as potential release dates for cases which remained restricted at the time of discussion.
- ◆ A review of 'Other Specified' free text coding within Location, Activity and Sports fields. The findings from the project assisted with the upcoming codeset revision, with new codes being introduced based on information commonly entered into free text fields. This will allow for easier identification of cases via NCIS searches.

### 7.4 Conference Attendance and Presentations by NCIS staff

The NCIS attended and presented at several conferences throughout the year in order to engage with stakeholders and support the work being done in the many areas of death and injury prevention.

- ◆ *The National Suicide Prevention Conference, Canberra, July 2017*
- ◆ *Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference, Ballarat, November 2017*
- ◆ *Asia Pacific Coroners Society Conference 2017, Adelaide, November 2017*
- ◆ *Stop Domestic Violence Conference, Melbourne, December 2017*
- ◆ *Australian Coastal Drowning Prevention Forum, Gold Coast, June 2018*



## **7.5 Staff training and professional development**

In 2017-18, each member of the NCIS staff participated in professional or personal development or training. Activities ranged from the development of technical skills in VB.net, to writing for government, leadership training, Koori Cultural Awareness training, conference attendance, finance training and a six month secondment for one staff member. In addition we engaged with the Department of Justice & Regulation to work on an informal program of workplace wellness to ensure we are caring for our mental health in what can be an emotionally challenging work environment. This is ongoing work and so far has involved discussions and activities about personal strengths, coaching, debriefing and formal counselling.

This initiative is in recognition of the value of ongoing professional development for all staff and the benefits of positive wellbeing on staff and on workplace productivity.

## 8 Operational Report

### 8.1 Data collection

In 2017-18, there were 22,448 new cases added to the NCIS, bringing the total number of cases contained in the NCIS at 30 June 2018 to 368,015.

*Table 1: Total number of cases contained on the NCIS by financial year*

Financial Year	New cases	Total number of cases
2000 - 2001	13,096	13,096
2001 - 2002	17,467	30,563
2002 - 2003	21,557	52,120
2003 - 2004	18,855	70,975
2004 - 2005	18,893	89,868
2005 - 2006	19,656	109,524
2006 - 2007	17,478	127,002
2007 - 2008	17,623	144,625
2008 - 2009	19,408	164,033
2009 - 2010	18,236	182,269
2010 - 2011	18,104	200,373
2011 - 2012	17,510	217,883
2012 - 2013	30,404	248,287
2013 - 2014	24,726	273,013
2014 - 2015	24,850	297,863
2015 - 2016	24,600	322,463
2016 - 2017	23,104	345,567
2017 - 2018	22,448	368,015
<b>Total</b>		<b>368,015</b>

Each year the total number of cases contained on the NCIS increases, thereby increasing the value of the data to death investigators and researchers. Table 1 is a count of all cases contained in the NCIS – both open and closed cases and shows the number of new cases added in each financial year. Over the last five years, the number of deaths reported to a Coroner has remained relatively constant.

*Table 2: Total number of closed cases on the NCIS by jurisdiction and case type*

Jurisdiction	Case Type Natural	Case Type Non-natural	Total Closed Cases on NCIS
<b>NSW</b>	50,872	33,564	84,436
<b>VIC</b>	40,317	35,575	75,892
<b>QLD</b>	21,411	24,585	45,996
<b>SA</b>	32,319	11,840	44,159
<b>WA</b>	14,531	16,262	30,793
<b>TAS</b>	4,364	3,687	8,051
<b>NT</b>	2,338	2,900	5,238
<b>ACT</b>	3,581	1,915	5,496
<b>NZ</b>	18,911	13,453	32,364
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,644</b>	<b>143,781</b>	<b>332,425</b>

Table 2 displays a breakdown of the total number of closed cases contained on the NCIS by jurisdiction and by case type – natural cause death and non-natural cause death. At 30 June 2018, 63 per cent of closed cases on the NCIS involved natural cause deaths.

*Table 3: Total number of cases closed on the NCIS by jurisdiction and financial year*

Jurisdiction	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
ACT	326	211	309	<b>263</b>
NSW	6,262	4,805	4,453	<b>4,313</b>
NT	258	376	354	<b>227</b>
QLD	2,829	2,589	2,182	<b>2,329</b>
SA	2,470	2,173	1,795	<b>2,801</b>
TAS	501	478	516	<b>578</b>
VIC	3,907	4,016	9,458	<b>5,525</b>
WA	2,055	2,047	2,437	<b>2,329</b>
NZ	3,112	3,190	2,902	<b>3,009</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,720</b>	<b>19,885</b>	<b>24,406</b>	<b>21,374</b>

Table 3 shows a 14 per cent decrease in the total number of cases closed on the NCIS compared to 2016-17. This is mainly due to the fact that the 2016-17 totals were inflated by bulk closure of Victorian cases. Case closure rates in 2017-18 are on par with previous years that did not include bulk closure of cases.

## 8.2 Data usage – NCIS searches by death investigators

Table 4: Total number of NCIS searches conducted by death investigators by search type and financial year.

Type of search	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Query Design	1,365	1,227	1204	<b>981</b>
Coroners Screen	1,234	959	276	<b>953</b>
Find Case screen	21,154	27,154	17,298	<b>9,927</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,753</b>	<b>29,449</b>	<b>18,778</b>	<b>11,885</b>

Death investigators are those individuals who directly assist with the investigation of deaths reported to a coroner. They include coroners, coronial clerks, forensic pathologists and police assisting the Coroner. Death investigators also include police from Homicide Squads and Missing Person Units around Australia. Death investigators utilise the NCIS to assist in the investigation process such as reviewing circumstances and outcomes in similar cases occurring in any jurisdiction in Australia and New Zealand. Over the past four years there has been a significant decrease in the number of searches conducted by death investigators. Also in this timeframe there has been a significant increase in the number of data reports prepared for coroners by the NCIS. See table 7.

## 8.3 Data usage – NCIS searches by approved third party researchers

Table 5: Total number of NCIS searches conducted by third party users by search type and financial year

Type of search	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Query Design	3,983	5,530	7,756	<b>6,524</b>
Coroners' Screen	816	482	419	<b>913</b>
Find Case Screen	90,954	100,049	91,665	<b>90,294</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95,753</b>	<b>106,061</b>	<b>99,840</b>	<b>98,938</b>

Third party users include researchers, university departments, policy makers or government departments with a bona fide involvement in monitoring and preventing injury and death in the community. Ethical approval for research projects is required for access to the NCIS. Table 5 shows that over 98,000 searches of the NCIS were conducted in the last financial year, a small decrease from the previous year. There was a large increase in the use of the 'Coroners' Screen' search function. Despite the name, the Coroners' Screen is available to all users and allows text searching of attached documentation.

Table 6: Total number of new and renewed third party applications for access to NCIS by financial year

External Research Projects	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
New projects	28	34	25	<b>16</b>
Renewed projects	8	18	12	<b>16</b>
Completed Projects	-	21	13	<b>23</b>
<b>Total number of active projects 30 June 2018</b>				
	<b>80</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>93</b>

At 30 June 2018, there were 93 active third party research projects utilising NCIS data. Of these, 16 were new projects that commenced in the 2017-18 financial year. There were 23 projects completed and 16 renewed in the same period. There were 61 peer reviewed papers published by researchers accessing the NCIS. These are listed in Appendix three.

#### 8.4 Data provision – Data reports prepared by the NCIS

Table 7: Total number of data reports prepared by NCIS for external parties and death investigators by financial year

Organisation Type	NCIS Data Reports 2014-15	NCIS Data Reports 2015-16	NCIS Data Reports 2016-17	NCIS Data Reports 2017-18
External parties	44	32	43	<b>43</b>
Media organisations	5	6	8	<b>4</b>
Death investigators	41	55	70	<b>57</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>108</b>

The NCIS provides de-identified statistical data reports at the request of external parties. This includes government, private and media organisations. In addition, data reports are provided to assist in death investigation at the request of coronial staff.

Throughout 2017-18, the NCIS team compiled 108 data reports for coroners and external parties, which represents a 14 per cent decrease from the previous year. However, the demand for data reports overall shows an upward trend as demonstrated in Table 7.

A full list of reports for coroners is listed in Appendix one and a full list of reports for external parties is listed in Appendix two.

## 8.5 Quality Assurance

The NCIS conducts a manual quality assurance (QA) review of all non-natural closed cases on the NCIS. Tables 9 to 11 provide detail about the QA activities conducted throughout 2017-18 and the results of these activities.

*Table 8: Total number of cases quality assured by jurisdiction and financial year*

Jurisdiction	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
ACT	398	347	<b>366</b>
NSW	2,757	6,099	<b>4,142</b>
NT	378	427	<b>473</b>
QLD	7,815	3,833	<b>2,951</b>
SA	3,954	2,109	<b>2,134</b>
TAS	557	520	<b>678</b>
VIC	689	4,477	<b>11,320</b>
WA	1,075	3,386	<b>2,766</b>
NZ	2,752	4,039	<b>6,717</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,375</b>	<b>25,237</b>	<b>31,547</b>

Table 8 displays the total number of cases quality checked by the NCIS. Reflecting ongoing efforts to reduce the number of closed cases awaiting review, the total number of cases reviewed increased by 25 per cent on the previous year.

*Table 9: Total number of closed cases awaiting QA review by jurisdiction and financial year*

Jurisdiction	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
ACT	341	226	<b>31</b>
NSW	6,012	2,695	<b>901</b>
NT	492	293	<b>35</b>
QLD	4,281	1,931	<b>714</b>
SA	2,268	1,014	<b>435</b>
TAS	603	395	<b>115</b>
VIC	5,194	5,712	<b>1,511</b>
WA	2,895	1,820	<b>600</b>
NZ	7,973	5,435	<b>863</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,059</b>	<b>19,521</b>	<b>5,205</b>

At 30 June 2018, there was a backlog of 5,205 cases awaiting quality review, a substantial reduction from 19,521 at the same time the previous year.

Table 9 shows the total number of closed cases awaiting quality review for each jurisdiction. In all jurisdictions, there are substantially fewer cases awaiting review than at the same time last year, with Victoria seeing the greatest reduction in cases awaiting review. All jurisdictions recorded a reduction in the number of cases awaiting quality review by more than 50 per cent. This reduction is due to the combination of increased resource allocation and implementation of procedural efficiencies.



## 9 Financial Reports

### 9.1 Statement of Receipts and Expenditure – NCIS

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>Opening balance (Cash in bank)</b>	<b>860,444</b>	<b>496,496</b>
<b>Add Receipts</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Government Grants - AU	1,075,723	1,070,764
Government Grants - NZ	91,609	91,609
User Pays (1)	209,717	215,285
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,377,049</b>	<b>1,377,658</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Professional Services	-	-
Contractors, consultants and professional service expenses (2)	6,227	29,387
Depreciation	(14,407)	65,102
Employee related expenses (3)	857,744	799,149
Information technology expenses	316,230	334,774
Other operating expenses	-	-
Postage and communication expenses	247	534
Printing, stationery and other office expenses	2,871	1,587
Staff training and development expenses (4)	30,329	17,024
Travel, entertainment and personal expenses	4,724	4,545
Utilities and services	127,640	127,417
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,331,605</b>	<b>1,379,519</b>
<b>Balance for the year</b>	<b>45,444</b>	<b>(1,861)</b>
Capital Expenditure	0	0
Accrued Expenses & Accounts Payable (Net) (5)	-4,757	3,182
Net of asset movements (6)	-33,953	-6,905
Grants Paid in Advance	0	-26,000
Accrued Revenue (7)	0	400,000
Accounts Receivable (8)	-39,914	26,219
Movement in Employee Provisions (9)	-29,581	21,751
<b>Closing balance (Cash in bank)</b>	<b>877,511</b>	<b>860,444</b>

## 9.2 Explanatory Notes for Statement of Receipts and Expenditure

- (1) User Pays income includes annual fees from third party researchers and fees from data requests. There has been a steady year on year workload in this area providing significant revenue received during the 2017-18 year.
- (2) The majority of contractor expenditure related to the approved engagement of a short term administration support officer as well as specialist IT support for the NCIS web development.
- (3) Employee related expenses was significantly less than forecast in July 2017 due to a number of staff vacancies throughout the year.
- (4) Staff training and development increased by \$13,305 in 2017-18 compared to the 2016-17 year. The following significant items of training related expenditure in 2017-18 year included: ANZSOG Strategic Leadership Program, Writing for Government and Facilitation training.
- (5) Accounts Payable balance was reduced to only \$175 at the end of the 2017-18 year. This included paying suppliers \$4,757 that was outstanding as at the end of the 2016-17 year.
- (6) Net Movement in Assets relates to a correction of computer and communications equipment in the asset register.
- (7) Accrued Revenue reduction relates to the revenue or income being received during the 2017-18 year from Commonwealth Department of Health & Aging, \$400K.
- (8) Accounts Receivable balance was reduced to a zero balance at the end of the 2017-18 year with all outstanding payments followed up and received. This included the \$39,914 that was outstanding as at the end of the 2016-17 year.
- (9) Provisions for employee benefits or entitlements consist of amounts for annual leave and long service leave accrued by employees. Provisions are recognised when NCIS has a present obligation, the future sacrifice of economic benefits is probable, and the amount of the provision can be measured reliably. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. The financial statement identifies the net reduction of the Provisions for employee entitlements due to Long Service Leave being taken throughout the 2017-18 year.

### 9.3 Government Funding Contributions made in 2017 – 18

Agency	Amount contributed \$AUD (GST Exclusive)
Commonwealth	554,969
New South Wales	165,008
Victoria	132,808
Queensland	106,991
New Zealand	91,609
Western Australia	51,028
South Australia	38,649
Tasmania	12,540
Australian Capital Territory	8,348
Northern Territory	5,382
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,167,332</b>

## Appendix One: NCIS data reports for Coroners

NCIS Data Reports 2017-18 – Reports for Coroners	
Requesting Party	Report Title
ACT Coroner's Court	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities Involving Helium Gas in Australia, 2000 - 2016
NSW Coroner's Court	Firearm-Related Fatalities with Coronial Recommendations in Specified Jurisdictions, 2000 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Scuba Diving-Related Fatalities Involving Coronial Recommendations, 2000 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Deaths reported to a Coroner in Australia and New Zealand, 2010 - 2015
NSW Coroner's Court	Train-Related Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities in Australia, 2009 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Young People in Northern New South Wales, 2014 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Equestrian Sport-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2000-2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Assault and Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities Involving Non-Pharmaceutical Substances in Australia, 2000-2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Indigenous and Drug-Related Deaths in Custody in Australia, 2000 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Deaths reported to a Coroner in NSW, 2000 - 2010
NSW Coroner's Court	Deaths in Custody Involving Prescription Drug Diversion in Australia, 2000 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Cases Involving Coronial Recommendations Regarding Smoke Alarms in Australia, 2007 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Central Venous Access Device-Related Fatalities in New South Wales, 2013 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Fatalities Involving Medically Affected Drivers in Australia, 2007 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Fatalities Involving Coronial Recommendations Regarding Pregabalin in Australia, 2000 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Flood-Related Fatalities with Coronial Recommendations in Australia, 2000 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Deaths Reported to a Coroner in New South Wales by Remoteness Area, 2010 - 2015
NSW Coroner's Court	Quad Bike Fatalities in New South Wales, 2014 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Coroner's Court Statistics, New South Wales, 2000 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	NCIS Logins by Organisations in NSW, FY2016 - 2017
NSW Coroner's Court	Fentanyl-Related Fatalities in New South Wales, 2012-2018

## NCIS Data Reports 2017-18 – Reports for Coroners

Requesting Party	Report Title
NSW Coroner's Court	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities Resulting from Jumps Off Cliffs in NSW, 2010 - 2018
NSW Coroner's Court	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities Results from Jumps Off Cliffs at 'The Gap', New South Wales, 2000 - 2018
NSW Coroner's Court	Alcohol-Related Fatalities in New South Wales, 2000-2018
NSW Coroner's Court	Fire-Related Fatalities Associated with Security Bars in Australia, 2000 - 2018
NSW Tamworth Local Court	Snake Bite-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2007 - 2018
NT Coroner's Court	Fatalities Where Tuberculosis was Identified in the Northern Territory, 2000 - 2017
NT Coroner's Court	Deaths in Custody Involving Prescription Drugs or Hyponatremia in Australia, 2000-2017
NT Coroner's Court	Rheumatic Heart Disease Related-Fatalities in the Northern Territory, 2007 - 2016
NT Coroner's Court	Adult Drowning Fatalities in Swimming Pools in the Northern Territory, 2000 - 2017
QLD Coroner's Court	Fatalities at Roaring Meg Falls in North Queensland, 2001-2017
QLD Coroner's Court	Weight-Related Fatalities in Gymnasiums in Australia, 2006 - 2017
QLD Coroner's Court	Crocodile-Related Fatalities in Queensland, 2012 - 2018
QLD Coroner's Court	Fall-Related Fatalities Involving Roofs and Ladders in Australia, 2007-2018
QLD Coroner's Court	Fatalities at Major Events in Australia with Coronial Recommendations, 2000 - 2018
QLD Coroner's Court	Jet Ski-Related Fatalities in Australia and New Zealand, 2000-2018
QLD Coroner's Court	Home Birth-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2007-2018
QLD Coroner's Court	Assault Fatalities of Residents in Nursing Homes in Australia, 2001-2018
SA Coroner's Court	Tuberculosis-Related Fatalities of Young People in Australia, 2007-2017
SA Coroner's Court	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities Involving Sodium Nitrite in Australia, 2015 - 2018
TAS Coroner's Court	Tree Felling Fatalities in Australia and New Zealand, 2000 - 2017
TAS Coroner's Court	Unintentional Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Fatalities in Boats and Caravans in Australia and New Zealand, 2000-2017
TAS Coroner's Court	Child Bathing Drowning Fatalities Involving Child Seats, 2000 - 2017

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Requesting Party	Report Title
TAS Coroner's Court	Tramadol-Related Fatalities in Australia and New Zealand, 2000 - 2017
TAS Coroner's Court	Clozapine-Related Fatalities in Australia and New Zealand, 2007 - 2017
TAS Coroner's Court	Jet Ski Fatalities in Australia, 2000 - 2017
TAS Coroner's Court	Rock Fishing Fatalities in Australia and New Zealand, 2000 - 2018
VIC Coroner's Court	Liquid Nicotine-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2000 - 2017
VIC Coroner's Court	Fatalities of Infants Involving Unknown Cause of Death
WA Coroner's Court	Motor Vehicle Fatalities Involving Alcohol and Specified Sports in Australia, 2000 - 2017
WA Coroner's Court	Fatalities at Specified Hospitals in Western Australia, May 2014
WA Coroner's Court	Work-Related Fatalities in Western Australia, 2006 - 2017
WA Coroner's Court	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Persons with Terminal or Debilitating Conditions in Western Australia, 2012 - 2017
WA Coroner's Court	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Police Officers in Australia, 2007 - 2017
WA Coroner's Court	Opioid-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2007-2015
WA Coroner's Court	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Persons with Terminal or Debilitating Conditions in Western Australia, 2012 - 2017 (Update)

## Appendix Two: NCIS data reports for external parties

NCIS Data Reports 2017-18 – Reports for External Parties	
Requesting Party	Report Title
ACCC	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities Involving Helium Gas in Australia, 2000 - 2016
Australian Building Codes Board	Fatalities in Residential Dwellings During Extreme Heat Events in Australia, 2000 - 2015
Australian Building Codes Board	Fire-Related Fatalities in Multi-Storey Buildings in Australia, 2000 - 2015
Australian Human Rights Commission	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Persons Under 18 in Australia, 2007 - 2015
Australian Human Rights Commission	Homicides involving domestic violence in Australia, 2005-2015
Baby Carrier Industry Alliance	Baby Carrier-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2000 - 2017
Central and Eastern Sydney PHN	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Residents of Specified Local Government Areas in New South Wales, 2010 - 2015
City of Melbourne	Intentional Self-Harm, Natural Disaster, Drowning and Fire-Related Fatalities in Greater Melbourne, 2013 - 2014
Country SA PHN	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities in the Northern Country Region, South Australia, 2004 - 2014
Country SA PHN	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities in Specified South Australian Local Government Areas, 2007 - 2015
Department of Health and Human Services	Drug-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2009 - 2014
Department of Health and Human Services	Drug-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2009-2014
Hope Assistance Local Tradies	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Current and Former Australian Defence Force Personnel, 2000 - 2015
Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities in Specified Regions in New South Wales, 2010 - 2015
Intersafe	Fire-Related Fatalities in Buildings in Australia and New Zealand, 2000 - 2015

## NCIS Data Reports 2017-18 – Reports for External Parties

Requesting Party	Report Title
Juvenile Justice, NSW Department of Justice	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Current or Former Juvenile Justice Clients in New South Wales, 2013 - 2017
Lifeline Central West NSW	Intentional Self-Harm and Drug Toxicity Fatalities of Residents of Specified New South Wales Local Government Area, 2013 - 2015
Lifeline South West VIC	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Residents of Specified Victorian Local Government Areas, 2012 - 2015
Macedon Ranges Suicide Prevention Action Group	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Residents of Specified Victorian Local Government Areas, 2001-2015
Monash University	Burn-Related Fatalities in Australia and New Zealand, 2009 - 2015
Monash University DFM	Motorised Mobility Scooter-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2011 - 2017
Fmr Chief Minister, NT, Marshall Perron	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Doctors and Veterinarians in Australia, 2000 - 2015
Fmr Chief Minister, NT, Marshall Perron	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Persons Aged 90 and Over in Australia, 2000 - 2015
National Bulk Tanker Association	Tanker-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2011 - 2015
Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Residents of Specified Local Government Areas in the Northern Territory, 2002 - 2016
NSW Police	COPS Data and NCIS Data on Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities in New South Wales
Police Policy & Governance, Department of Justice & Regulation	Vehicle Collision Fatalities of Cyclists in Victoria, 2001 - 2015
Queensland Injury Surveillance Unit	Projectile-Related Fatalities of Persons Aged 15 Years and Younger in Australia, 2002 - 2014
RACV	Driveway-Related Fatalities in Victoria, 2003 - 2015
Rio Tinto	Mining-Related Workplace Fatalities in Australia, 2010 - 2015
Strategic Planning, DJR	Assault Fatalities in Victoria, FY2008-09 to FY2014-15



## NCIS Data Reports 2017-18 – Reports for External Parties

Requesting Party	Report Title
Suicide Risk Assessment Australia	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Persons Receiving Aged Care in Australia, 2005 - 2015
Swimming Pool and Spa Association of Australia	Child Drowning Fatalities in Domestic Swimming Pools in Australia and New Zealand, 2000 - 2015
Swimming Pool and Spa Association of Australia	Child Drowning Fatalities in Domestic Swimming Pools in Australia and New Zealand, 2000 - 2015 (Update)
The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne	Firearm-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2001 - 2015
The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus	Fatalities of Persons in Aged Care in Australia, 2010 - 2015
Therapeutic Goods Administration	Tramadol and Liquid Opioid-Related Fatalities of Children in Australia, 2000 - 2015
Unharm	Externally Caused MDMA-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2001 - 2013
University of South Australia	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Older Persons in Australia, 2000 - 2015
Victoria Police - Missing Persons Unit	Cases Involving Recommendations to VicPol Regarding Missing Persons, 2006 - 2018
Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine	Cases Involving Homicide Terminology, 2000 - 2018
WorkSafe NZ	Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Deaths in Australia and New Zealand, 2000 - 2015

## NCIS Data Reports 2017-18 – Reports for Media

Requesting Party	Report Title
ABC News	Recreational Nitrous Oxide Use Fatalities in Australia, 2010 - 2015
ABC News	Fentanyl-Related Fatalities in Australia, 2010 - 2015
news.com.au	Fatalities on Aeroplane Flights Landing in Australia, 2014 - 2015
The Australian	Intentional Self-Harm Fatalities of Employed Persons in Australia, 2011 - 2014

## Appendix Three: Research and Peer Reviewed Publications

Publication Citation	Publication Date
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<b>RAJSHEKAR, M., BLIZZARD, L., JULIAN, R., WILLIAMS, A., TENNANT, M., FORREST, A., ... WILSON, G. (2017).</b> The incidence of public sector hospitalisations due to dog bites in Australia 2001 - 2013. <i>Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health</i> . doi: 10.1111/1753-6405.12630	July 2017
<b>HAYNES, K., COATES, L., VAN DEN HONERT, R., GISSING, A., BIRD, D., DIMER DE OLIVEIRA, F., ... RADFORD, D. (2017).</b> Exploring the circumstances surrounding flood fatalities in Australia - 1900 - 2015 and the implications for policy and practice. <i>Environmental Science &amp; Policy</i> , 76, 165-176. doi: 10.1016/j.envsci.2017.07.003	July 2017
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Publication Citation	Publication Date
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