

Family Responsibilities Commission

*Report to the Family Responsibilities Board and
The Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships*

Quarterly Report

No. 38

October 2017 to December 2017



*Report prepared by the Family Responsibilities Commission under the leadership of
Commissioner David Glasgow*

Executive Summary

Quantified in the table below are the activities undertaken by the Commission during quarter 38 with comparisons shown to the previous quarter.

Table 1: Activity from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Activity	Qtr 37	Qtr 38	Movement
Within jurisdiction agency notices received	1109	1761	↑
Conferences held	600	623	↑
Family Responsibility Agreements entered into	6	1	↓
Orders made to attend community support services	34	32	↓
Conditional Income Management Orders made	57	67	↑
Voluntary Income Management Agreements entered into	4	2	↓
Clients case managed	155	139	↓
Referrals made	41	33	↓
Applications to Amend or End received	6	17	↑
Show Cause conferences held	0	0	→

The Commission's annual School Awards ceremonies were conducted in December in each of the five communities. Prizes were awarded for attendance achievements and included certificates, medals and in some cases gift vouchers. Each year the Local Commissioners present the awards to provide positive recognition and support for those students (and their families) who regularly attend school, and also to provide an incentive for those students who wish to improve their school attendance.

The FR Board held its thirty-fourth meeting on 3 November 2017 in Brisbane. Papers presented for Board consideration included: the Commissioner's report to the Board on various issues including school attendance in each community; highlights and outcomes of the 2016-17 financial year; a report on the impact of the domestic violence trigger for the period 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017; a report on the Commission's financial budget for the 2017-18 year and estimated financial position as at 30 June 2017; and endorsement was provided by the FR Board for Quarterly Report No 37.

On 21 December 2017 the Governor in Council under the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008* approved various appointments as follows:

- David Glasgow as the FRC Commissioner for the period 2 January 2018 to 31 July 2018 and
- Rodney Curtin as the Deputy Commissioner for the period 2 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

In addition, the following Local Commissioners were appointed for the period 2 January 2018 to 31 December 2018:

- Edgar Kerindun, Vera Koomeeta, Doris Poonkamelya, Dorothy Pootchemunka, Ada Woolla and Keri Tamwoy as Aurukun Local Commissioners
- Elaine Liddy, Maureen Liddy, Alison Liddy, May Kepple, Peter Peter and Garry Port as Coen Local Commissioners
- Elaine Cairns, Guy Douglas, Karen Jupiter, Christopher Logan, Eleanor Logan and Kaylene O'Keefe as Doomadgee Local Commissioners
- Erica Deeral, Victor Gibson, Doreen Hart, Cheryl Cannon and Selina Bowen as Hope Vale Local Commissioners and
- Karen Gibson, Karen Shuan and Loretta Spratt as Mossman Gorge Local Commissioners.

As an adjunct to the completion of the Commission's Code of Conduct training completed in July 2017, and in order to support high standards of professional conduct and honest and ethical business practices

within the Commission all employees completed fraud and corruption training through the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors iLearn program in November of this quarter.

Significant policy work was carried out this quarter with the review of the external and internal Complaints Management policies, Discipline in the Workplace Policy, Privacy Policy, Information Sharing Protocol, Travel Policy, Service Charter, Induction Manual and Local Commissioner Handbook and Conference Guidelines.

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Abbreviations

CIM	Conditional Income Management
DATSIP	Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
DET	Former Department of Education and Training
DJAG	Department of Justice and Attorney-General
DV	Domestic Violence
DVB	Domestic Violence Breach
DVO	Domestic Violence Order
FRA	Family Responsibilities Agreement
FRC	Family Responsibilities Commission
QPS	Queensland Police Service
VIM	Voluntary Income Management

Also:

Family Responsibilities Commission (the Commission)
Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008 (the Act)

Family Responsibilities Commission Welfare Reforms

Report to 31 December 2017.

1. Activities and Trends

Notices

In quarter 38 the Commission received **2,624 agency notices**¹. Some individuals may have been the subject of more than one agency notice. Of that figure 1,761 notices (67 percent) were within the Commission's jurisdiction and 863 notices (33 percent) were outside the Commission's jurisdiction.

Table 2: In jurisdiction notices by type and community 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Type of Notice	AU	CO	DM	HV	MG	Total
District Court notices	5	0	0	18	0	23
Magistrates Court notices	206	15	0	109	15	345
Domestic Violence Breach notices	6	1	0	9	3	19
Domestic Violence Order notices	47	6	0	19	4	76
School Attendance notices	332	72	506	311	20	1241
School Enrolment notice	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Safety and Welfare notices	8	2	31	10	0	51
Housing Tenancy notices	1	0	0	3	2	6
Total	605	96	537	479	44	1761

Further details of notices within jurisdiction for each community are set out below:

- Aurukun's **605** notices constitute **34.36** percent of the total notices in jurisdiction across the welfare reform communities.
- Coen's **96** notices constitute **5.45** percent of the total notices in jurisdiction.
- Doomadgee's **537** notices constitute **30.49** percent of the total notices in jurisdiction.
- Hope Vale's **479** notices constitute **27.20** percent of the total notices in jurisdiction.
- Mossman Gorge's **44** notices constitute **2.5** percent of the total notices in jurisdiction.

Table 3: Not within jurisdiction notices by type and community 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Type of Notice	AU	CO	DM	HV	MG	Total
Supreme Court notices	0	0	0	0	0	0
District Court notices	5	0	0	0	0	5
Magistrates Court notices	217	0	0	92	131	440
Domestic Violence Breach notices	22	0	0	2	3	27
Domestic Violence Order notices	4	0	0	19	23	46
School Attendance notices	15	6	281	28	0	330
School Enrolment notice	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Safety and Welfare notices	10	2	3	0	0	15
Housing Tenancy notices	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	273	8	284	141	157	863

¹ Counting rules are that an agency notice is counted on the basis of number of 'clients' on the notice. For example a child safety and welfare notice relating to two parents is counted as two notices.

Table 4: Magistrate Court locations for in jurisdiction DVB and DVO notices 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Court Location	Number of DVB notices	Number of DVO notices	Total
Aurukun	6	43	49
Cairns	3	6	9
Coen	1	2	3
Cooktown	4	21	25
Mossman	5	3	8
Weipa	0	1	1
Total	19	76	95

Since its commencement the Commission has received 36,113 agency notices within its jurisdiction. Total notices increased from 1,902 in quarter 37 to 2,624 in quarter 38. Of those notices in jurisdiction Magistrates Court, Domestic Violence Breach and School Enrolment notices decreased, whilst District Court, Domestic Violence Order, School Attendance, Child Safety and Welfare and Housing Tenancy notices increased.

District Court notices increased this quarter to 23 from 21 received in the previous quarter. Hope Vale increased by 17 notices, whilst Aurukun and Mossman Gorge decreased by 4 notices and 11 notices respectively for the quarter. Coen remained unchanged with zero notices received for the quarter. The Commission does not receive District Court notices for Doomadgee.

Magistrates Court notices decreased this quarter to 345 from 364 received in the previous quarter. Three out of the four communities which have the Magistrates Court trigger experienced an increase in notices this quarter. Aurukun, Coen and Mossman Gorge increased by 2, 4 and 5 notices respectively, however Hope Vale decreased by 30 notices. The Commission does not receive Magistrates Court notices for Doomadgee.

Domestic Violence Breach notices decreased from 30 in quarter 37 to 19 in quarter 38. Three out of the four communities which have the Domestic Violence Breach trigger, experienced a decrease in notices this quarter. Aurukun, Coen and Mossman Gorge decreased by 8 notices, 1 notice and 5 notices respectively whilst Hope Vale increased by 3 notices. The Commission does not receive Domestic Violence Breach notices for Doomadgee.

Domestic Violence Order notices increased from 56 in quarter 37 to 76 in quarter 38. Aurukun increased by 15 notices, Coen increased by 1 notice, Hope Vale increased by 4 notices and Mossman Gorge remained unchanged with 4 notices received for the quarter. The Commission does not receive Domestic Violence Order notices for Doomadgee.

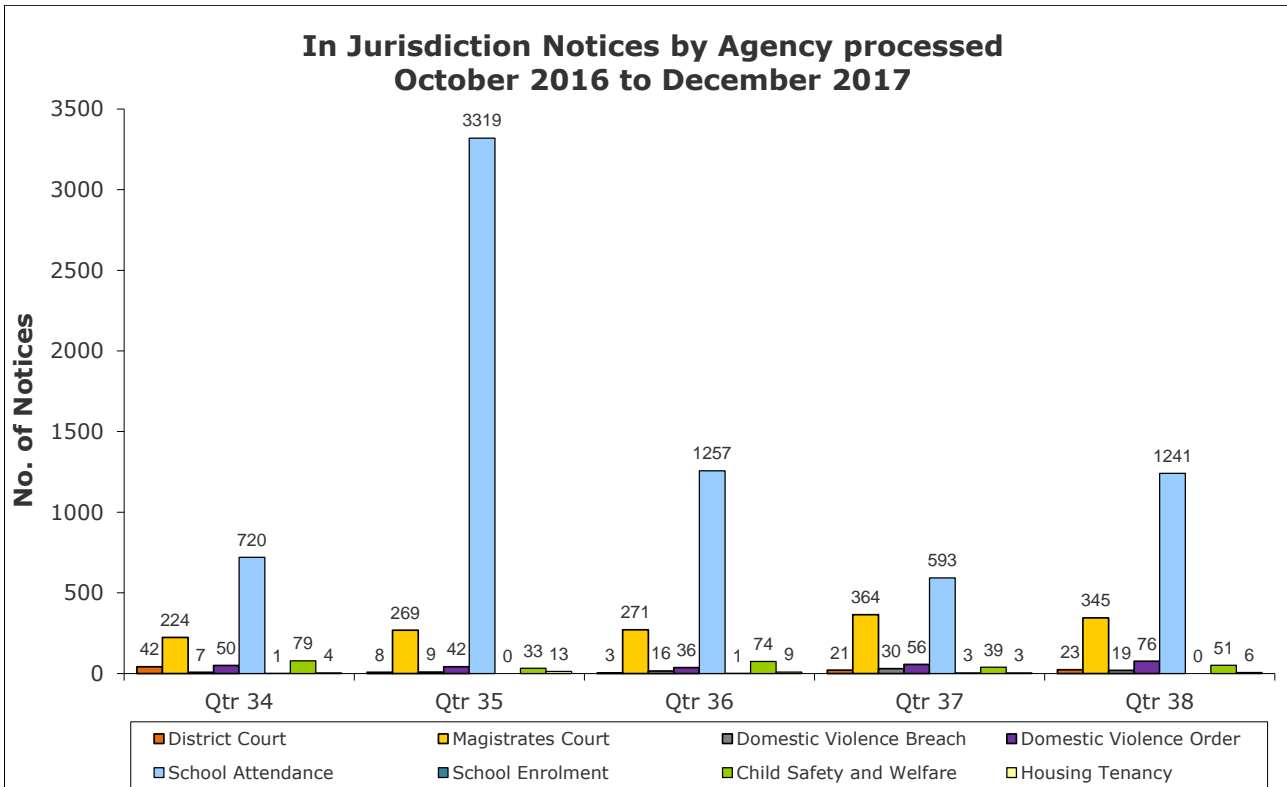
School Attendance notices increased from 593 in quarter 37 to 1241 in quarter 38. Four out of the five communities which have the School Attendance trigger experienced an increase in notices this quarter. Aurukun, Coen, Doomadgee and Hope Vale increased by 94, 61, 253 and 240 notices respectively, whilst Mossman Gorge remained unchanged with 20 notices received for the quarter. As previously reported the reason for the low number of school attendance notices for quarter 37 was due to the Commission not receiving any school attendance notices from the former Department of Education and Training from 4 August 2017 until 3 October 2017 (at the commencement of quarter 38) when the Commission received the remaining 8 weeks of term 3 school attendance data. During quarter 38 the Commission resumed receiving school attendance data from the former Department of Education and Training on a weekly basis.

School Enrolment notices decreased from 3 in quarter 37 to 0 in quarter 38 with Aurukun, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge decreasing by 1 notice each.

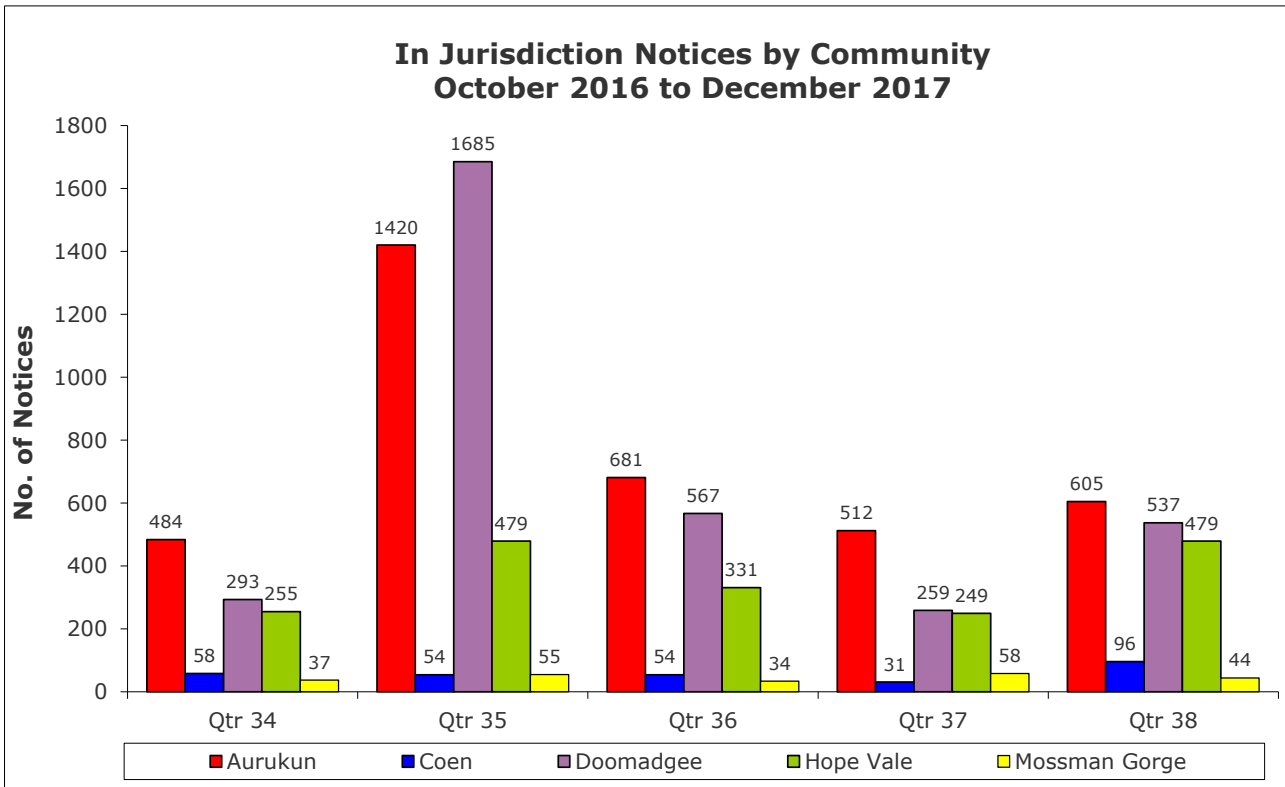
Child Safety and Welfare notices increased from 39 in quarter 37 to 51 in quarter 38. Aurukun decreased by 6, Hope Vale decreased by 4 and Mossman Gorge decreased by 3 notices, with Doomadgee increasing by 25 notices. Coen remained unchanged with 2 notices received for the quarter.

Housing Tenancy notices increased to 6 from 3 received in the previous quarter. Aurukun, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge all increased by 1 notice each. Coen remained unchanged with zero notices received for the quarter. The Commission does not receive Housing Tenancy notices for Doomadgee.

The Commission receives school attendance data from former Department of Education and Training. This data is published on the Commission’s web page at <http://www.frcq.org.au> when available.

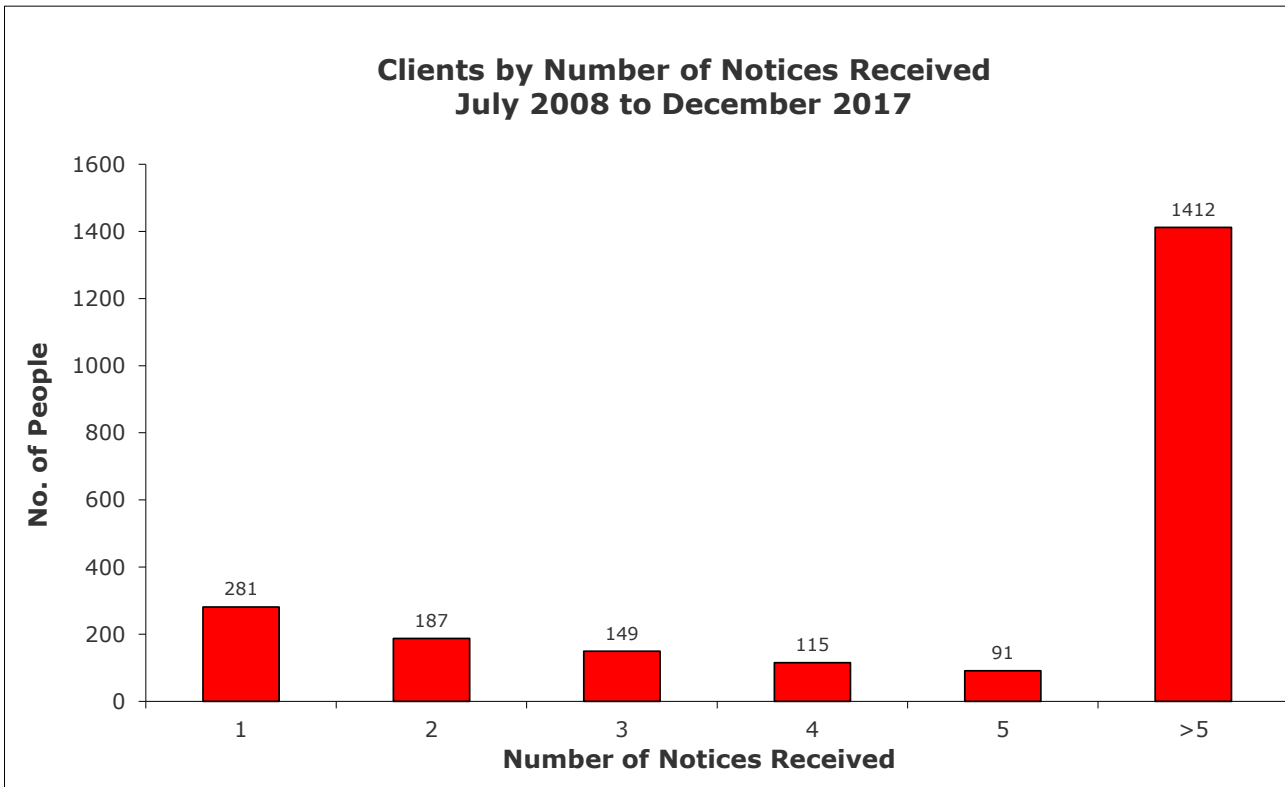


Graph 1: In jurisdiction notices by type and quarter 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.



Graph 2: In jurisdiction notices by community and quarter 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.

Since commencement in July 2008, 87.4 percent of clients have received more than one notice with 63.2 percent of clients receiving more than five notices. Frequently this illustrates multiple child school absences for the one family or multiple Magistrates Court notices relating to one incident. Conversely, 12.6 percent of clients have received only one notice.

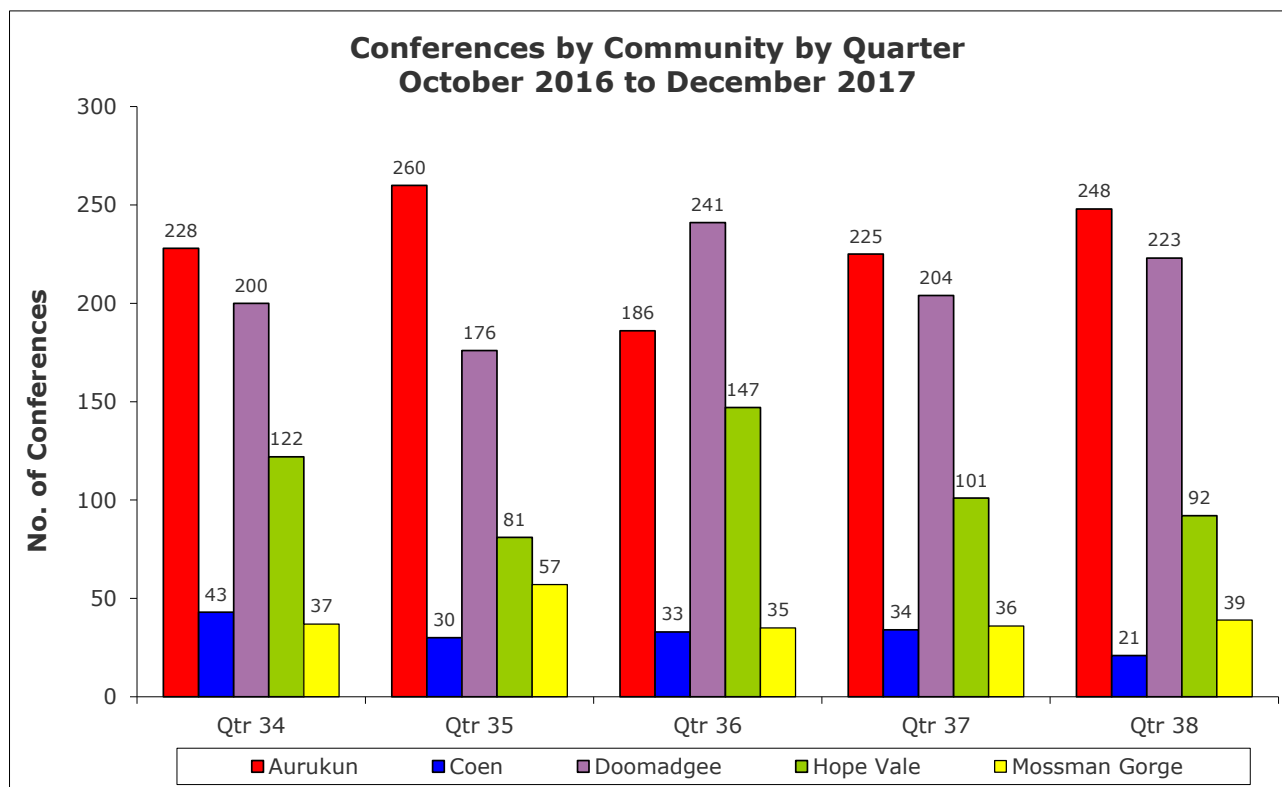


Graph 3: FRC clients by number of notices 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2017.

(Note: Counting rules stipulate that where multiple charges are received each charge is counted as an individual notice or each child’s absence is counted as one notice – i.e. if three children from the one family were absent, that was counted as three notices).

Conferences

A total of six hundred and twenty-three conferences² pertaining to all matters were held across the five communities in quarter 38 resulting in 1 FRA being entered into, 32 orders made to attend community support services and 67 CIM orders issued. When compared to last quarter, this represents a decrease of 5 FRA's and 2 orders to attend community support services and an increase of 10 CIM orders. Other outcomes as a result of conferencing during the quarter were decisions for no further action, rescheduling and scheduling to return for review with compliance. Sixty new clients were added to the Commission's database during the quarter. Conferences increased from 600 in quarter 37 to 623 in quarter 38.



Graph 4: Conferences by community and quarter 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.

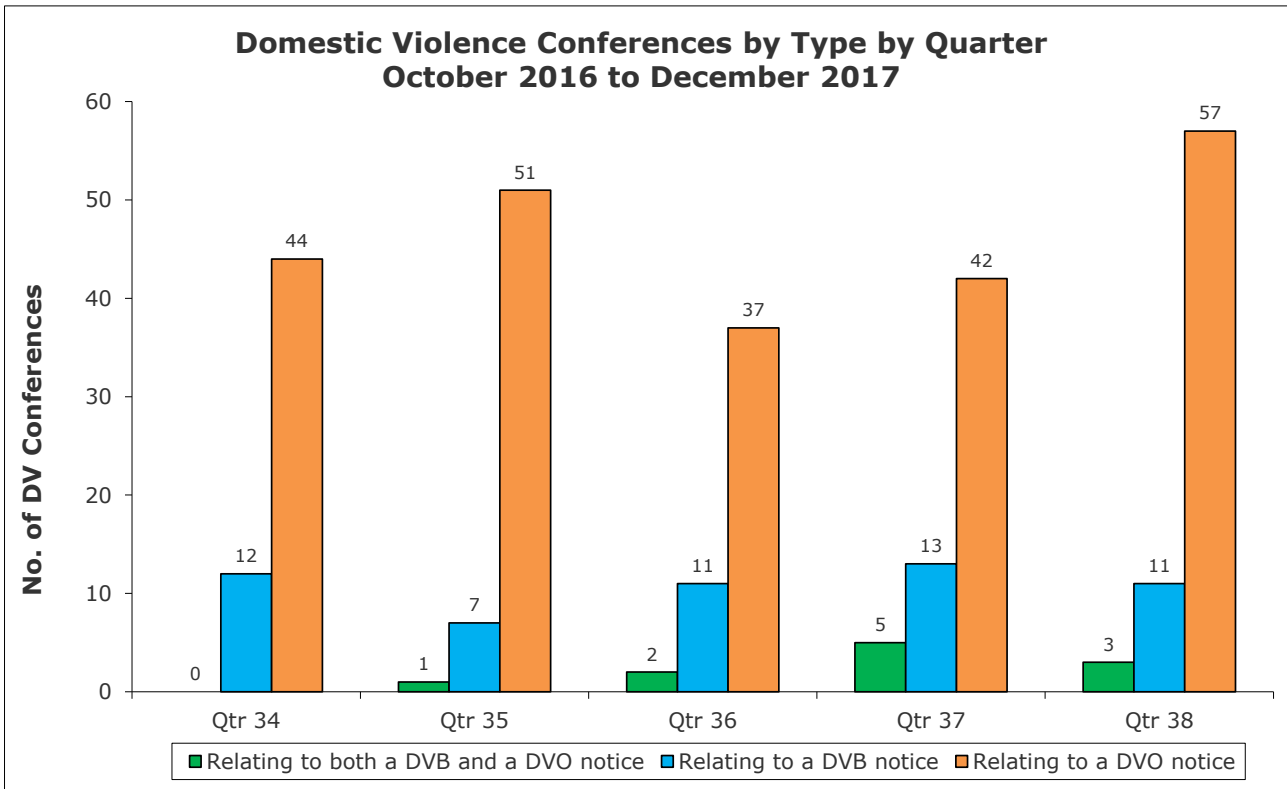
Conferences for Domestic Violence related matters

As a subset of the total number of conferences conducted for the quarter, 71 domestic violence conferences were conducted in Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge in quarter 38, representing an increase of 11 from the previous quarter. Domestic violence conferences in the communities during the quarter were as follows: Aurukun increased by 11, Coen increased by 2 and Mossman Gorge increased by 4 whilst Hope Vale decreased by 6 domestic violence conferences.

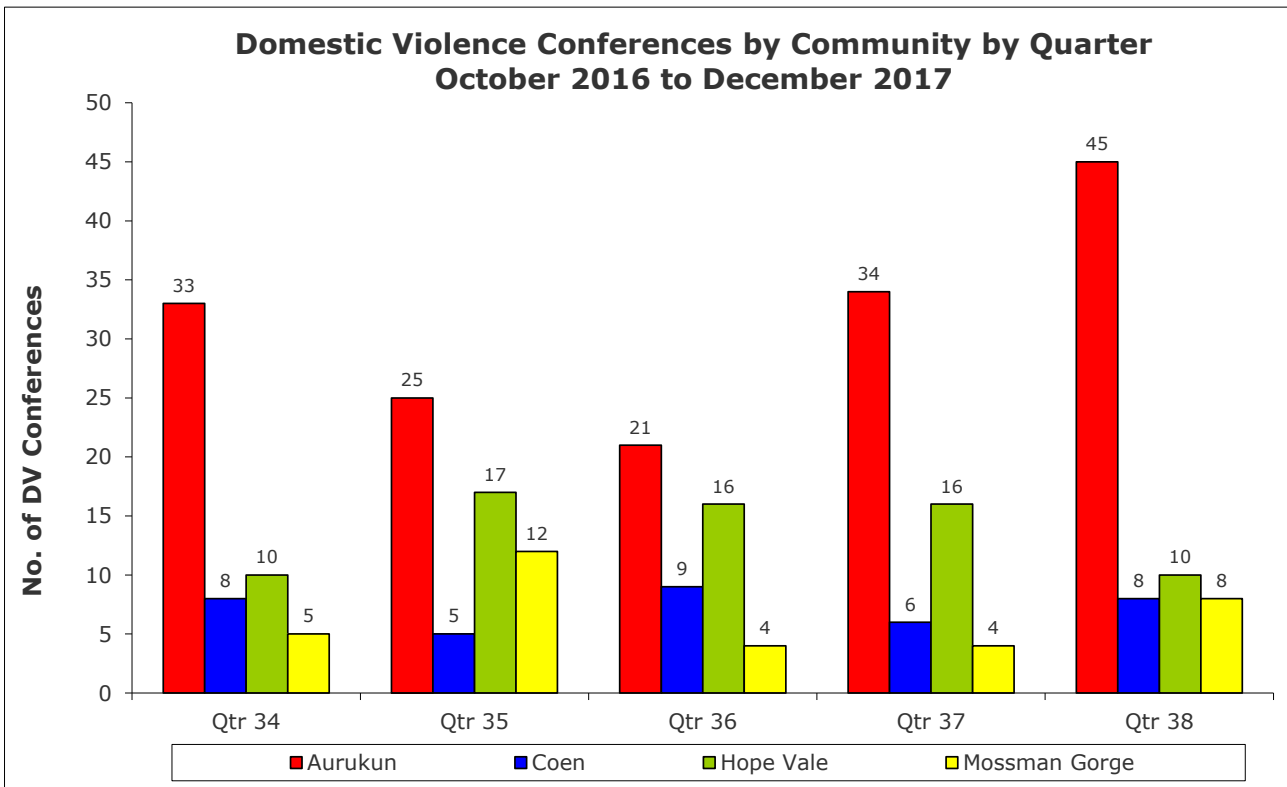
Table 5: Number of conferences held in relation to domestic violence notices (breaches and orders) per community 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Number of Domestic Violence Conferences	AU	CO	HV	MG	Total
Relating to both a DVB and a DVO notice	2	0	0	1	3
Relating to a DVB notice	6	1	1	3	11
Relating to a DVO notice	37	7	9	4	57
Total	45	8	10	8	71

² The number of conferences held relates to the number of conferences listed, which includes where a client was served with a Notice to Attend Conference and subsequently failed to attend.



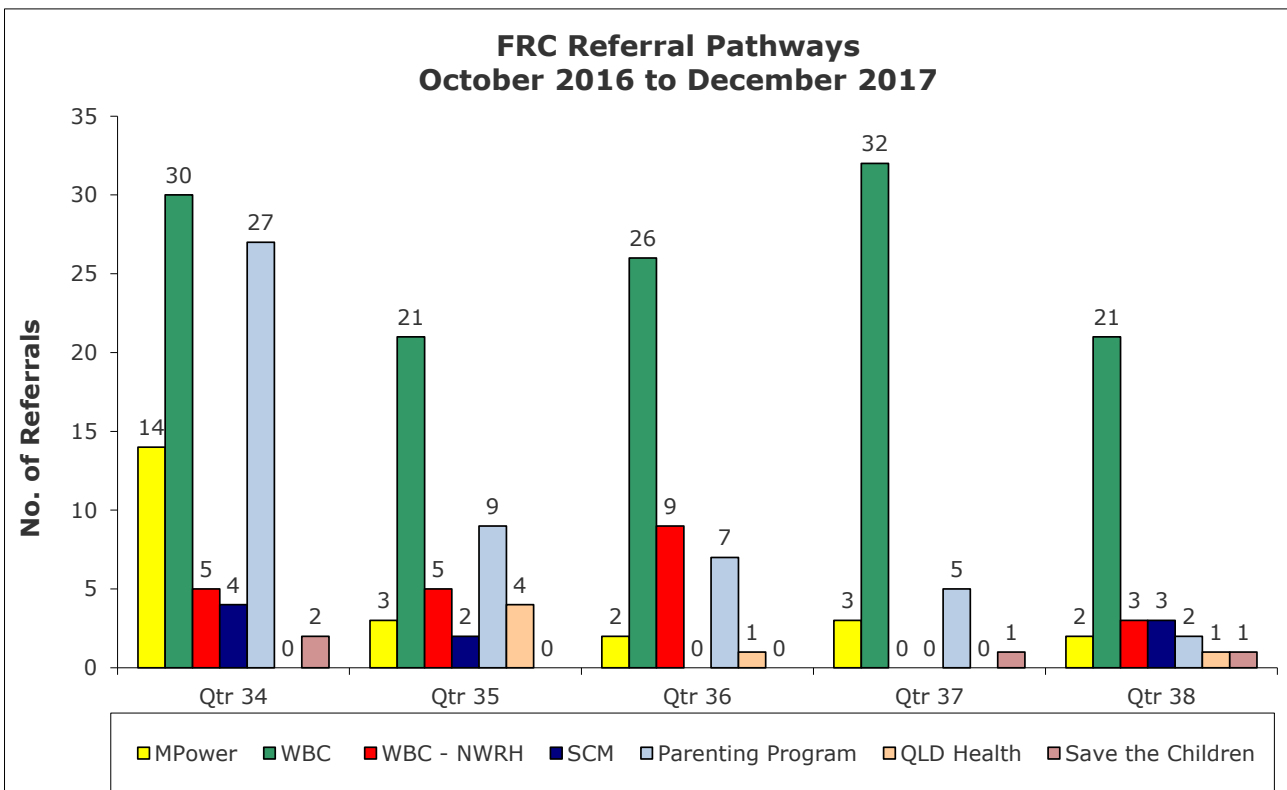
Graph 5: Domestic Violence conferences by type and quarter 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.



Graph 6: Domestic Violence conferences by community and quarter 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.

Referrals

The total number of referrals to service providers decreased from 41 in quarter 37 to 33 in quarter 38, relating to 33 clients. Since commencement the Commission has referred 1002 clients to service providers resulting in approximately 44.5 percent of clients on 12 month service referral plans. Referrals in the communities during the quarter were as follows: Aurukun decreased by 3; Coen remained unchanged with 4 referrals; Doomadgee increased by 5; Hope Vale decreased by 5 and Mossman Gorge also decreased by 5 referrals.



Graph 7: Referral pathways by referral type and quarter 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.

Referrals for Domestic Violence related matters

As a subset of the total number of referrals in the quarter, 18 referrals were made in relation to domestic violence conferences in quarter 38, representing an increase of 1 from the previous quarter.

Table 6: Number of referrals in relation to domestic violence notices (breaches and orders) per community 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Notice Type	Community	Referral	Provider Total
DVB	Aurukun	Wellbeing Centre	1
	Hope Vale	Wellbeing Centre	1
	DVB Total		2
DVO	Aurukun	MPower	1
	Aurukun	Wellbeing Centre	10
	Coen	Wellbeing Centre	2
	Hope Vale	Strong Families – Parenting Program	1
	Hope Vale	Wellbeing Centre	1
	Mossman Gorge	QLD Health	1
	DVO Total		16
GRAND TOTAL			18

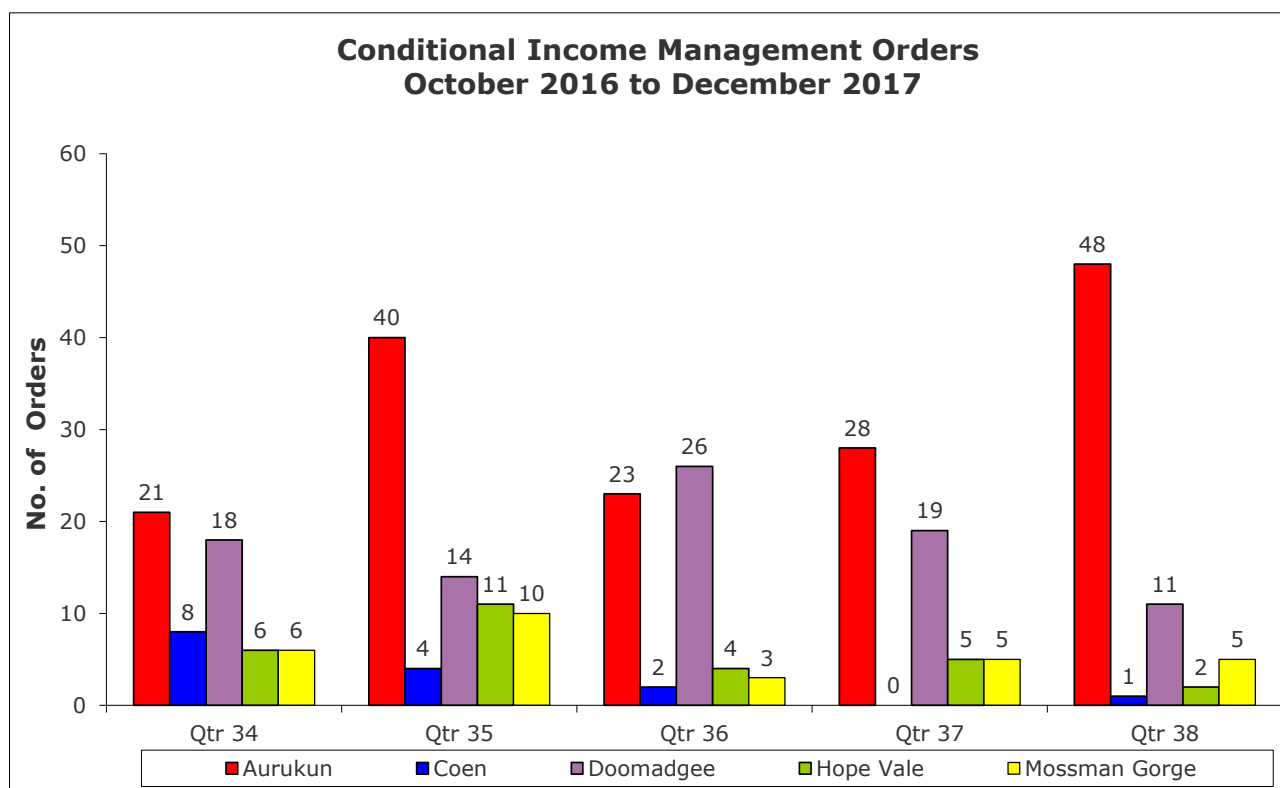
Conditional Income Management

A total of sixty-seven CIM orders were made in quarter 38, an increase of 10 from quarter 37. Since the commencement of the Commission 2,246 CIM orders inclusive of original orders, extensions and amendments have been made relating to 837 clients. Further activity during the quarter is as follows: Aurukun and Coen increased by 20 and 1 CIM order respectively, whilst Doomadgee and Hope Vale decreased by 8 and 3 CIM orders respectively, with Mossman Gorge remaining unchanged with 5 CIM orders for the quarter.

As at 31 December 2017, 37.1 percent of the Commission’s clients have been subject to a CIM order over the past nine and a half years. As at 31 December 2017 there were 177 clients subject to a CIM order which equates to 7.9 percent of clients on a CIM order at a point in time. Commissioners continue to negotiate with clients to achieve desirable outcomes or to demonstrate motivation and commitment to make appropriate life choices. Demonstrated positive steps toward taking responsibility provide the Commissioners with sufficient reason to consider revoking CIM orders when requested by the client.

Table 7: Number of times a client has been placed on a conditional income management order per community 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2017.

Number of CIMs	CIM'd only once	CIM'd 2-5 times	CIM'd 6-10 times	CIM'd 11+ times	Total
Aurukun	146	211	52	8	417
Coen	33	25	0	0	58
Doomadgee	34	43	0	0	77
Hope Vale	86	102	14	0	202
Mossman Gorge	31	32	19	1	83
Total	330	413	85	9	837



Graph 8: Conditional Income Management orders by community and quarter 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.

Conditional Income Management for Domestic Violence related matters

As a subset of the total number of CIM's in the quarter, 11 CIM orders inclusive of alterations were made in relation to domestic violence conferences in quarter 38, representing an increase of 2 from the previous quarter.

Voluntary Income Management

The Commission processed 2 VIM agreements this quarter and since the commencement of the Commission in 2008, 127 clients have had an active VIM agreement. Those clients that request a VIM agreement use income management as a savings and budget tool, often for a specified period and to deter family members from accessing their income.

Case Management

As at 31 December 2017, 139 clients were being case-managed, a decrease from 155 in quarter 37. Aurukun, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge decreased by 13, 6 and 1 respectively, whilst Coen and Doomadgee both increased by 2.

Show Cause Notices

During quarter 38, and similar to the past four quarters, no Show Cause hearings have been held.

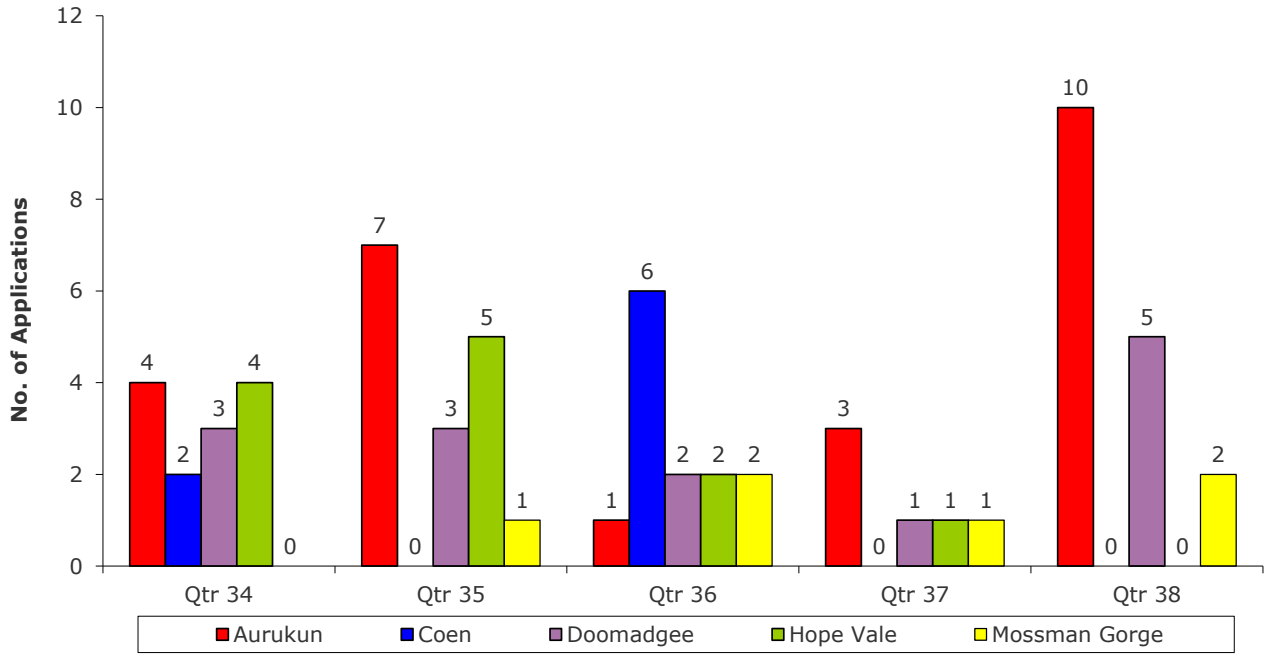
Applications to Amend or End Agreements or Orders

Seventeen Applications to Amend or End a Family Responsibilities Agreement or Order were received in quarter 38, an increase of 11 from quarter 37. Outcomes of the 17 applications received are as follows:

- 7 Applications granted and Income Management agreements and orders revoked
- 1 CIM order revoked and client placed on a case plan
- 1 CIM order at 75 percent revoked and client placed on a new order at 60 percent for 12 months
- 2 CIM orders at 90 percent revoked and clients placed on a new order at 60 percent for 12 months
- 3 Applications dismissed
- 2 Applications dismissed and clients given a warning
- 1 Application received at the end of the quarter decision pending.

The Commission continues to encourage clients to participate in the Amend or End process. Commissioners report increasing client confidence to question decisions and the reasons behind decisions, both for decisions delivered by the Commission and decisions delivered by external agencies and bodies.

Number of Applications to Amend or End FRA or Order October 2016 to December 2017



Graph 9: Applications to Amend or End FRA or Order by community and quarter 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.

2. Future Direction and Challenges

In the absence of up-to-date school attendance data for term 4 of the 2017 school year, the Commission can report that for terms 1, 2 and 3 across the Welfare Reform communities, attendance in Aurukun and Doomadgee has remained a challenge. The Commission will be hosting a Local Coordinator conference (workshop) on 15 January 2018. The purpose of this workshop is to review the goals which were set for the 2017 school year, what strategies were successful and what challenges presented. Each Coordinator is to then deliver a report on their community, a report from the School Principal detailing issues they see affecting their school, any priorities set for the 2018 school year, and how the Principal sees the FRC interacting with them to increase the educational experience for their children. The Local Coordinator reports are to then form the foundation for discussions regarding new strategies and relationships to be built for the 2018 school year.

On 14 February 2017 the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Parliamentary Committee gained jurisdiction under Schedule 6 of the Standing Orders to oversee the Family Responsibilities Commission. The committee's oversight functions include:

- a) to monitor and review the performance by the entity of the entity's functions;
- b) to report to the Legislative Assembly on any matter concerning the entity, the entity's functions or the performance of the entity's functions that the committee considers should be drawn to the Legislative Assembly's attention;
- c) to examine the annual report of the entity tabled in the Legislative Assembly and, if appropriate, to comment on any aspect of the report; and
- d) to report to the Legislative Assembly any changes to the functions, structures and procedures of the entity that the committee considers desirable for the more effective operation of the entity or the Act which establishes the entity.

In August of quarter 37 the committee presented Report number 52 on the oversight of the Commission, which highlighted issues for consideration by the Legislative Assembly. During this period the committee met with Commissioner Glasgow on three occasions to gain an appreciation of the Commission's work, assess the gains it has achieved to date and the challenges it continues to face. Only one recommendation was made in Report number 52. This recommendation stated that, "...Queensland Government service delivery departments which have a statutory relationship with the Family Responsibilities Commission consult with the Family Responsibilities Commission in regard to any proposed changes to operations and reporting that may impact the Commission". The recommendation was made in light of past operational and legislative changes that have affected the Commission's operations. The Commission acknowledges that DATSIP has since written to relevant departments reporting to the FRC in regard to this recommendation.

Of particular comment in the committee's report is their concern that sufficient consideration be given to succession planning for the FRC Commissioner and Local Commissioners in 2018.

The committee acknowledged, "...the challenging work undertaken by the FRC and is greatly impressed with the significant results which the FRC has achieved and is achieving in the welfare reform communities in which it operates. The FRC over its period of operation has built strong relationships within the welfare reform communities and has become a valuable conduit for the work of many Queensland Government service agencies".

3. Financial Operations

Governance

Part 12 of the Act provides for the establishment of the Family Responsibilities Board (the Board).

The Board has a mandate to give advice and make recommendations to the Minister about the operation of the Commission and similarly to give advice and make recommendations to the Commissioner about the performance of the Commission's functions.

The Board must meet at least every six months. The meeting may be held by using any technology available which will allow for efficient and effective communication, however, the Board members must meet in person at least once a year. A quorum for the Board is comprised of two members. The Board's membership consists of the following members:

- Ms Tammy Williams Acting Director-General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (Chair)
- Mr Troy Sloan First Assistant Secretary, Policy, Analysis and Evaluation Division, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Mr Noel Pearson Founder and Director, Cape York Institute.

Operational

In meeting obligations under Part 3 of the Act, the Family Responsibilities Commission Registry (the Registry) commenced operations on 1 July 2008 with a central Registry office established in Cairns and local Registry offices operating in each of the five welfare reform communities.

The Registry, managed by the Registrar, provides corporate and operational support to the Commissioner, the Local Commissioners and the Local Coordinators.

Financial

Income:

- Income received by the Commission for the period 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017 totalled \$1,038,380. This income consisted of:
 - \$421,750 Queensland Government funding
 - \$156,500 Queensland Government funding – Doomadgee
 - \$450,000 Australian Government funding
 - \$8,047 interest received
 - \$2,083 received in sundry income.

The balance of available funds in the bank as at 31 December 2017 is \$1,559,180.

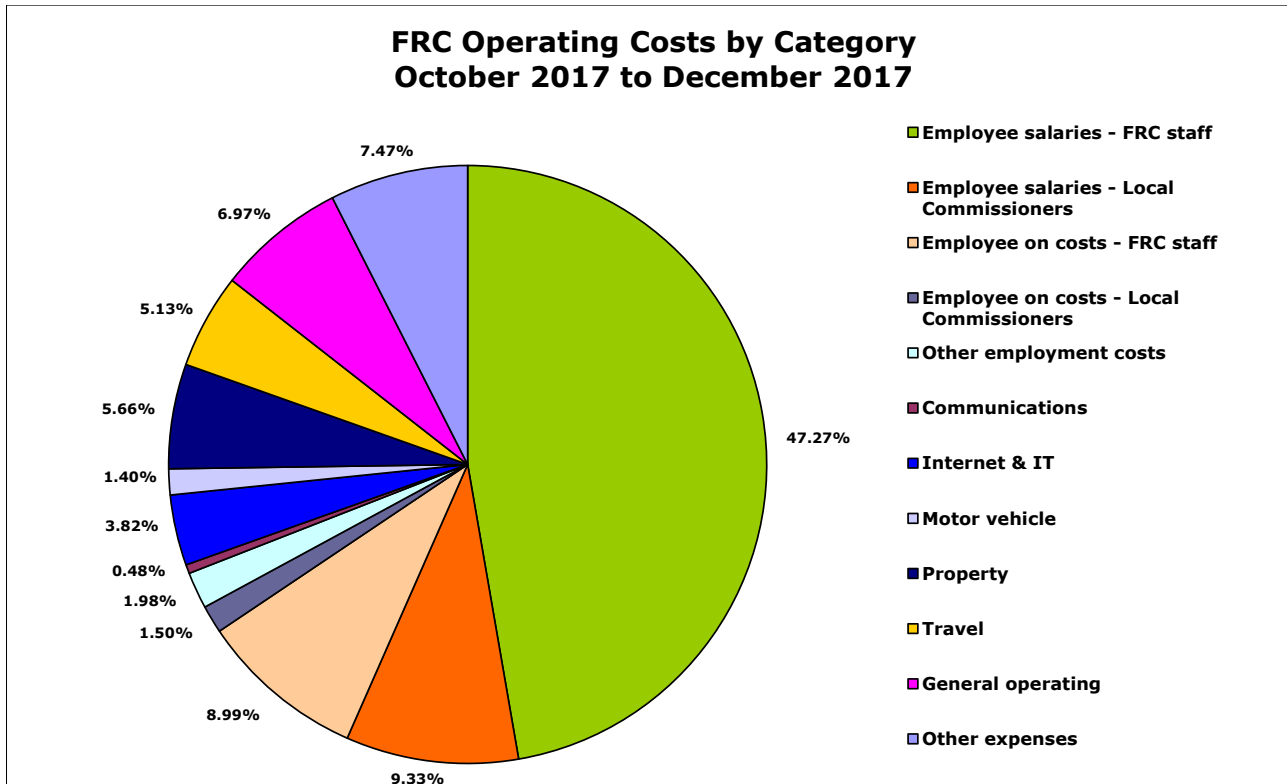
Expenditure:

- Expenditure for the period 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017 was \$946,473. This total represents 22 percent of the projected annual expenditure of \$4,238,964.

Table 8: Expenditure in quarter 38.

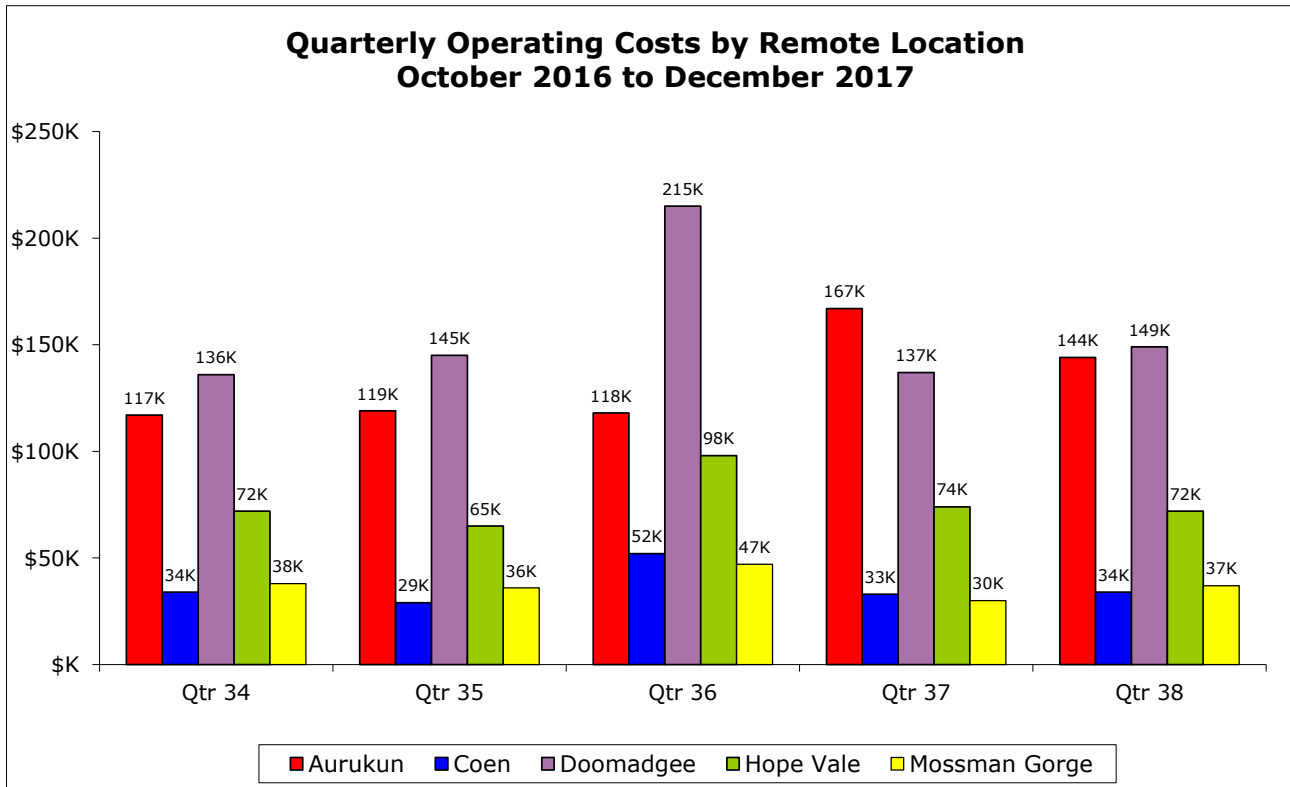
1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017	Expenditure Qtr 38	1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017	Expenditure Qtr 38
Employee salaries – FRC staff	\$447,339	Internet & IT	\$36,167
Employee salaries – Local Commissioners	\$88,300	Motor vehicle	\$13,242
Employee on costs – FRC staff	\$85,112	Property	\$53,596
Employee on costs – Local Commissioners	\$14,193	Travel	\$48,561
Other employment costs	\$18,755	General operating	\$65,995
Communications	\$4,505	Other expenses	\$70,708
		Total	\$946,473

Quarter 38 disbursement of expenditure by category and percentage of total expenditure.



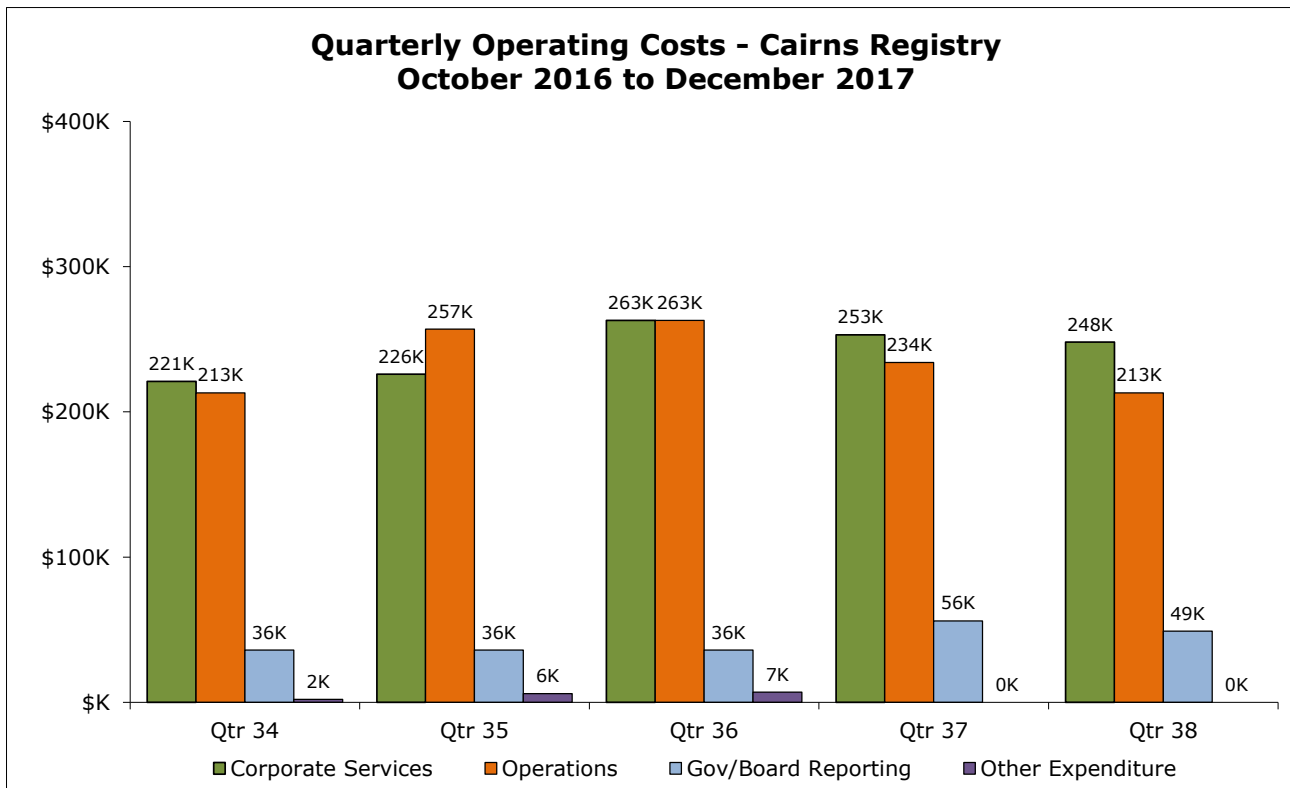
Graph 10: FRC operating costs 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017

Regional operational expenditure by location and quarter.



Graph 11: Operating costs by remote location 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.

Cairns Registry expenditure for quarter 38 compared to the previous four quarters.



Graph 12: Quarterly operating costs Cairns 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2017.

APPENDIX A



**SITTING CALENDAR 2017
FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES COMMISSION
1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017**



Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Other
2 January	Public Holiday					2 New Year's Day
9 January						Cooktown Circuit
16 January						Aurukun Cape B & Coen Cape A Circuit Doomadgee – Gulf Circuit
23 January		24	25			26 Australia Day
		24	25	Public Holiday		
		24				
30 January		31				
		31	1	2		
6 February		7	8			Cooktown Circuit
		7				
		7				
13 February		14	15	16		Aurukun Cape B Circuit Doomadgee – Gulf Circuit
20 February		21	22			21 ASC Meeting
		21				
		21				
27 February		28	1	2		
6 March		7	8			Cooktown Circuit
		7				
		7				
13 March		14				Aurukun Cape B & Coen Cape A Circuit Doomadgee – Gulf Circuit
		14	15	16		
20 March		21	22			21 ASC Meeting
		21				
		21				
27 March		28	29	30		
3 April						Cooktown Circuit
10 April					Public Holiday	14 Good Friday Aurukun Cape B Circuit Doomadgee – Gulf Circuit
17 April	Public Holiday	18	19	20		17 Easter Monday 18 ASC Meeting
			19	20		
24 April		Public Holiday	26	27		25 Anzac Day 28 FR & WRA Board Meetings
				27		
1 May	Public Holiday					1 Labour Day Commissioner Development Week Cooktown Circuit

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Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Other
8 May		9 9 9	10			Doomadgee – Gulf Circuit
15 May	15		17	18		16 ASC Meeting Aurukun Cape B & Coen Cape A Circuit
22 May		23 23 23	24 24 ½ day			
29 May		30 30	31	1		2 Mabo Day
5 June		6 6 6	7			Cooktown Circuit Doomadgee – Gulf Circuit
12 June		13	14	15		Aurukun Cape B Circuit
19 June		20 20 20 ½ day	21			20 ASC Meeting
26 June						
3 July						Cooktown Circuit Doomadgee – Gulf Circuit
10 July		11 11	12	13		Aurukun Cape B & Coen Cape A Circuit
17 July		18 18 18	19	20 ½ day	Public Holiday	Estimates 18-21 July and 25-27 July 21 Cairns Show Day 18 & 19 ASC Meeting
24 July		25	26	27		24 Mossman Show 28 Cooktown Show and Coen Public Holiday 28 July FR & WRA Board Meeting
31 July		4 1 1	2 ½ meeting day	3 ½ day	Public Holiday	4 Aurukun Day Cooktown Circuit
7 August		8	9	10		Doomadgee - Gulf Circuit
14 August		15 15 15	16	17 ½ day		15 ASC Meeting Aurukun Cape B Circuit
21 August		22 22	23	24	Public Holiday	25 Doomadgee Day
28 August		29 29 29	30	31 ½ day		

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FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES COMMISSION
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Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Other
4 September		5	6	7		Cooktown Circuit
11 September		12 12 12	13	14 ½ day		12 ASC Meeting Aurukun Cape B & Coen Cape A Circuit Doomadgee - Gulf Circuit
18 September						
25 September						
2 October	Public Holiday	3 3	4	5 5 ½ day		2 Queens Birthday Cooktown Circuit
9 October		10 10	11	12		Doomadgee - Gulf Circuit
16 October		17 17 17	18	19 ½ day		Aurukun Cape B Circuit
23 October	23		25	26		24 ASC Meeting 27 FR & WRA Board Meetings
30 October		31 31 31	1	2 ½ day		
6 November		7	8	9		Cooktown Circuit
13 November		14 14	15	16 ½ day 16		Aurukun Cape B & Coen Cape A Circuit Doomadgee - Gulf Circuit
20 November		21 21	22	23		21 ASC Meeting
27 November		28 28	29	30 ½ day		CYAAA schools finish 1/12/2017
4 December		5 5	6			Doomadgee and Mossman schools finish 8/12/2017 Cooktown Circuit Doomadgee - Gulf Circuit
11 December						12 ASC Meeting Aurukun Cape B Circuit
18 December						
25 December	Public Holiday	Public Holiday				25 Christmas Day, 26 Boxing Day 27, 28, 29 Office closed for Xmas

LEGEND

	Office Days
	Public Holidays
	Aurukun Sitting
	Coen Sitting
	Doomadgee Sittings
	Hope Vale Sitting
	Hope Vale Half Day Meeting
	Mossman Gorge Sitting
	Mossman Gorge Half Day Meeting
ASC	Aurukun Shire Council Meeting
DSC	Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Meeting
∅	Cancelled Conference

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