1. In 2008-09, 2400 non-government community service organisations received over $1.3 billion in funding across disability, community care, child safety, homelessness, housing, community, sport and recreation, and youth justice services
2. The Department of Communities is implementing output funding and reporting for new service agreements with its funded NGOs from 1 July 2010. Existing service agreements will be transitioned to output funding and reporting as they become due for renewal.
3. Output funding and reporting clarifies what is being purchased, how much is being paid and what will be delivered. This means the costs of services can be compared and benchmarks set for contract negotiations, provides stronger accountability for public funds and supports targeted investment decisions being made.
4. For funded organisations, moving from input based to output based funding and reporting clarifies what and how much is to be delivered, simplifies and reduces reporting to government and provides opportunities to develop more flexible services.
5. Cabinet endorsed the Department of Communities approach to implementing output funding and reporting for its funded non-government organisations.
6. *Attachments*

* Nil.