

# **Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention**

**Combined second and third periodic reports of States parties due in 2015**

## **Cook Islands**

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Table 1

**Leadership Totals by Key Groups**

<i>Public Sector</i>	<i>Departments and Agencies</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Total</i>
Public Service	Public Service Heads	6 (46 %)	7 (54 %)	13
	Island Government Executive Officers	3 (30 %)	7 (70 %)	10
State Services	Crown Agencies Heads	2 (14 %)	12 (86 %)	14
	Parliament*	7 (18 %)	33 (82 %)	40
	Ministerial Support Offices Heads	1 (14 %)	6 (86 %)	7
	Island Council Mayors	1 (10 %)	9 (90 %)	10
	Other Entities Heads	2 (33 %)	4 (67 %)	6
	Total	22 (21 %)	78 (79 %)	100
	State Owned Enterprises	1 (25 %)	3 (75 %)	4

\*Includes 24 Members of Parliament and 16 House of Ariki Representatives

Source: Public Service Commissioner Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2014

Table 2

**2015 Scholarship numbers by gender**

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Regional Development Scholarship	0	2
New Zealand Pacific Scholarship	0	5
Cook Islands Government Scholarship	1	8
In country Tuition Awards Scholarship	1	6

Source: 2015 Scholarship Unit, Ministry of Education

Table 3

**Domestic Violence Statistics**

<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
123	154	236	208	218

Source: Cook Islands Police Service, February 2016

Table 4

**Welfare payments**

<i>Payment</i>	<i>Monthly rate</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Total</i>
				190
Infirm	\$165.00	90	100	47% females
				20
Destitute	\$165.00	20	0	100% females
Caregivers allowance	\$165.00	85	37	69% females
				3379
Child Benefit	\$66.00	1656	1723	49% females

*Source: Welfare Payments Voucher 16th December 2015, Ministry of Internal Affairs*

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