

Evolution of the Post Sentence Scheme in Victoria – Balancing Community Protection with Rehabilitation

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Key Topics

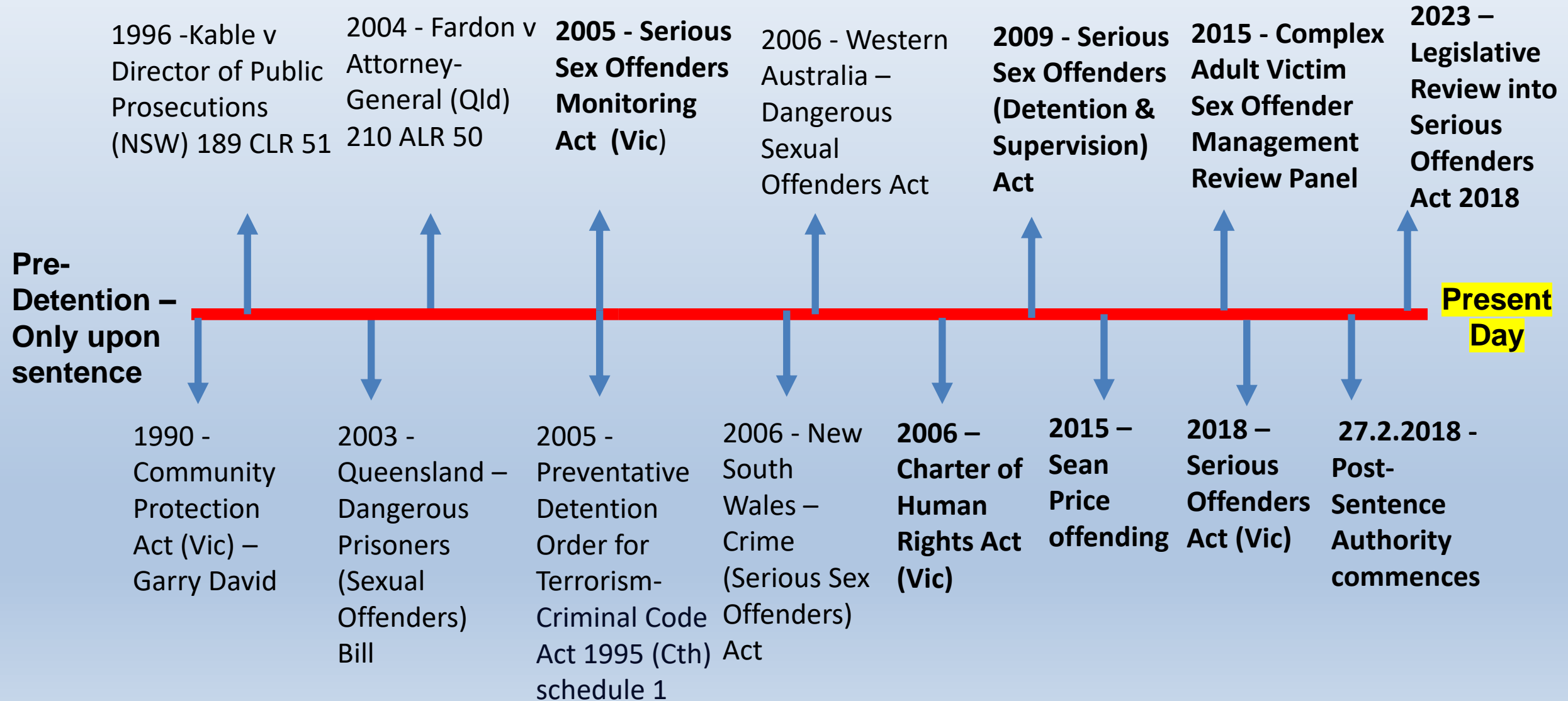


- History of the Post Sentence Scheme
- Current Process
- Number of people on Orders over the scheme's history
- Concerns about inclusion creep
- Community Protection – Numbers of People who committed serious offences while subject to an Order
- Reducing Risk – Numbers of People who had their Order expire or revoked
- Reasons why this Reduction has occurred
- Legislative Review evaluation
- Questions

Timeline of Post Sentence scheme in Victoria



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Current Process

Under Sentence



Prison



Assessment and application



Courts

Post Sentence



Order commencement



Supervision and monitoring



Court review

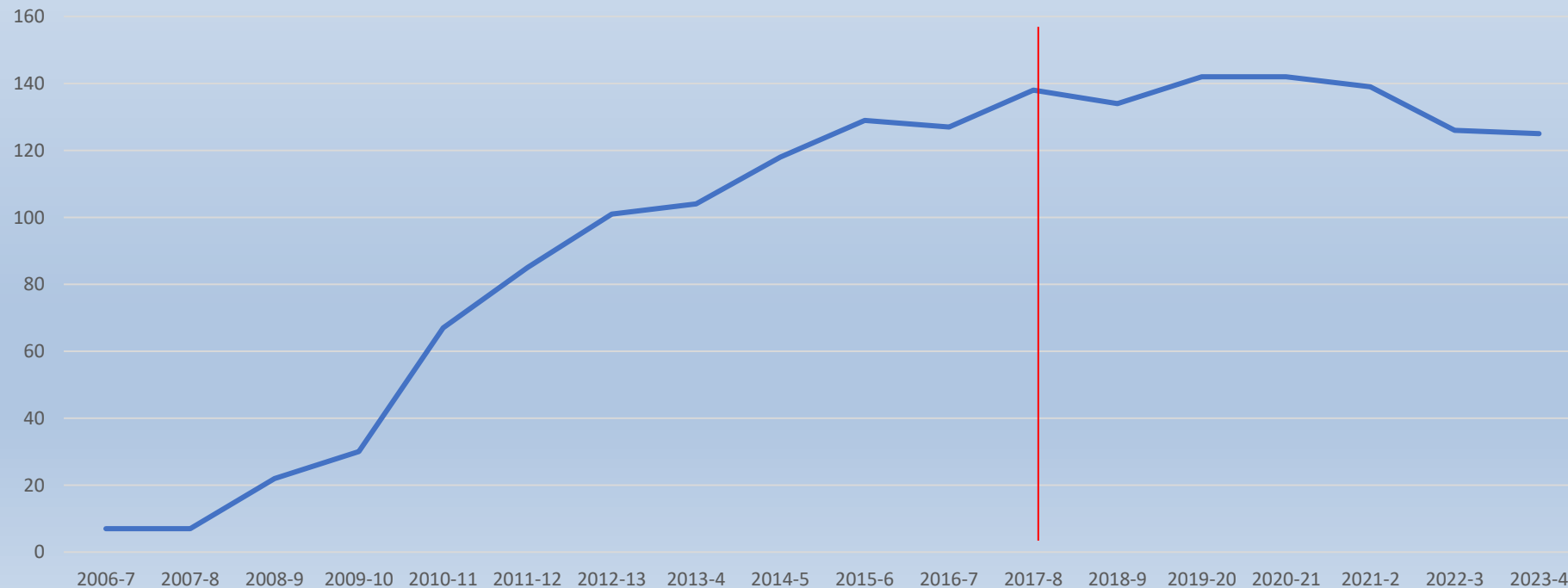
Numbers on Orders and Eligibility



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	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	TOTAL
Eligible prisoners	1037	1856	1922	1760	1701	1759	1810	11845
Total people on orders	138	134	142	142	139	126	123	944

Total Numbers of People subject to Orders



Concerns with the scheme becoming too inclusive



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emphasises that vigilance is required by the Public Protection Authority, government and the courts to ensure that the regime contemplated by the Panel is directed at only the '**critical few**': those with the greatest likelihood of causing serious interpersonal harm.

The temptation to widen the circle must be resisted. This is essential if the limited resources of the State are to be directed towards offenders who pose the highest risk of reoffending and for whom the scheme is likely to be of optimal benefit.

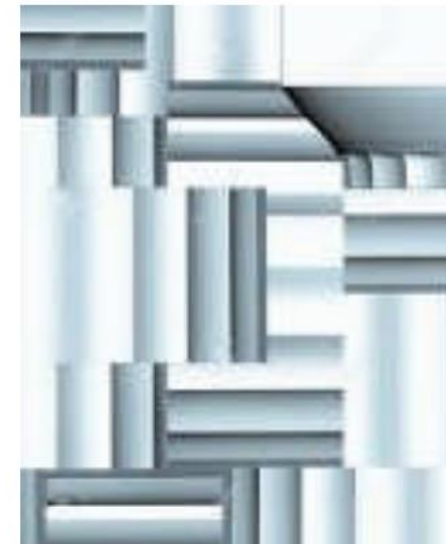
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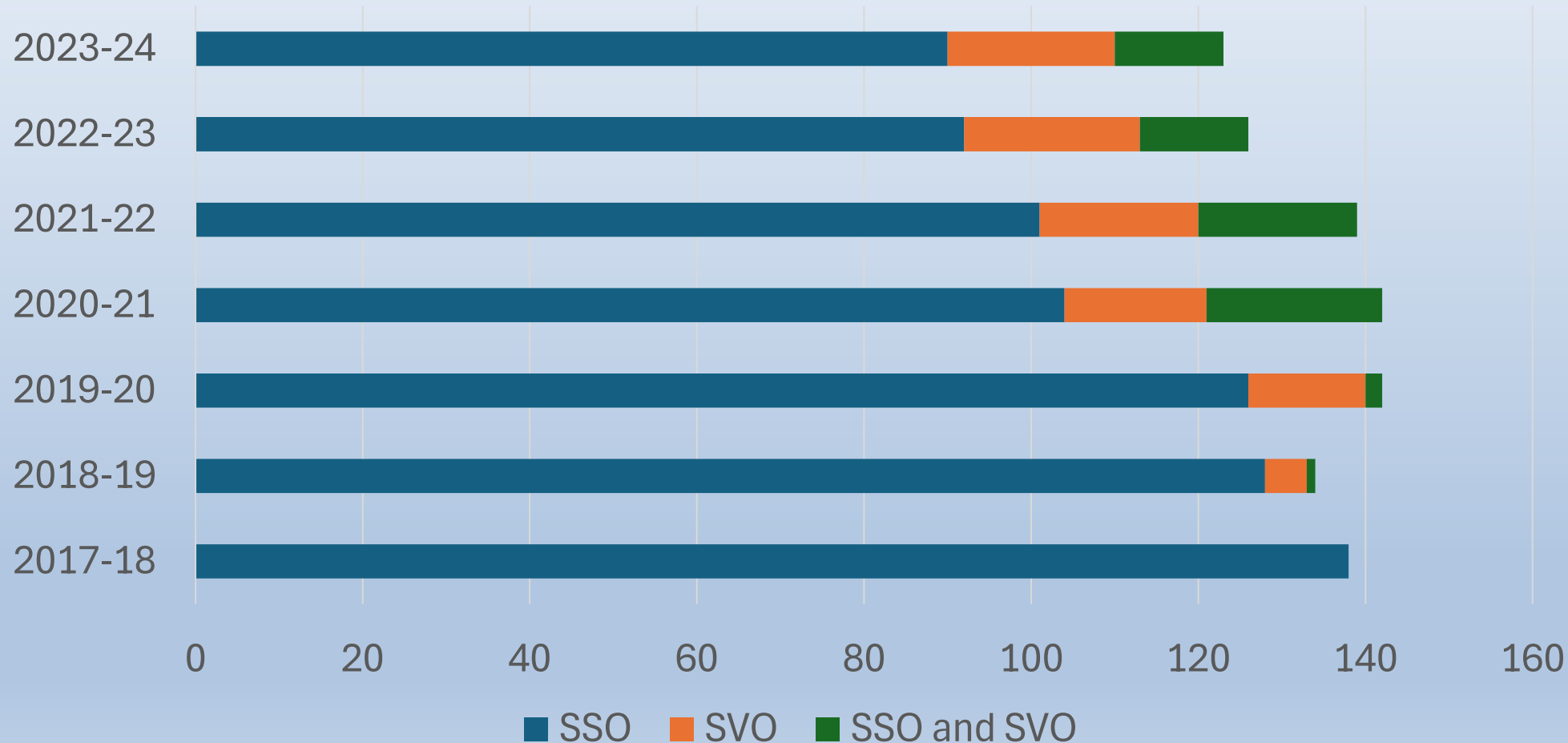
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People on orders by type



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Community Protection – Number of people subject to the scheme who seriously offend while on an order



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Serious Offending while subject to an Order



Reducing Risk: Numbers who have their order expire or it is revoked



Order Completions on the Post Sentence Scheme



Reasons why Orders Expire or are Revoked

Statistically

- Risk, whether sexual reoffending or violent reoffending is reduced to Moderate Risk in the bulk of cases
- People subject to an order are in the community, largely without issue, for over 2 years.
- No or very few incidents.

Operationally

- Multi-Agency Panel
- Coordinated Services Plans
- Human Rights Legislation
- Focus by Courts, PSB and PSA on Exit Planning

Recent Evaluation



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The Review examined the first five years of operation since the reformed scheme's commencement. There is evidence that the SOA is targeting its intended cohort and fulfilling its community protection and rehabilitation purposes. The reforms have ensured that serious sex and violent offenders can be effectively monitored after their sentence has been completed, and provided additional oversight, monitoring and response powers to enable DJCS and partner agencies to respond appropriately when risk escalates. The reforms have also increased collaboration between relevant agencies, enabling better access to the programs and services required to reduce the risk of reoffending.

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Review of the *Serious Offenders Act* 2018

Review overview report

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Questions?

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