

**Louisiana Department of Public Safety
and Corrections**

Sex Offender Assessment Panel (SOAP)



December 31, 2018

SOAP is currently chaired by Dr. Susan Tucker, Ph. D. The remaining voting members consist of one psychologist from DHH and one member from P&P with sex offender case management experience.

**Profile of Louisiana Sex
Offender Assessment Panel (SOAP)**

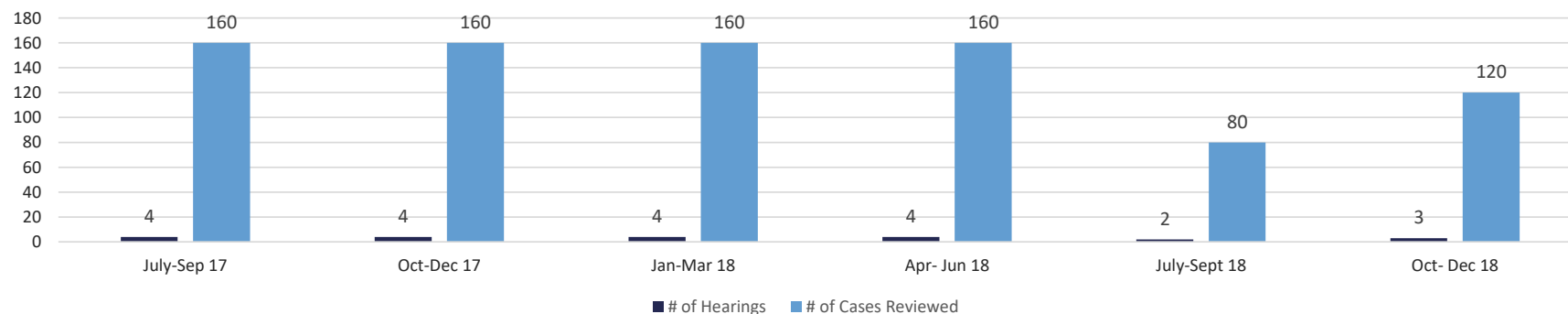
Sexual Predator- A judicial determination as provided for in La. R.S. 15:560 et seq. for an offender who has been convicted of an offense as defined in La. R.S. 15:541(12) and/or (25) and who has a mental abnormality or anti-social personality disorder that makes that person likely to engage in predatory sexually violent offenses.

SOAP hearings began November 21, 2008 and continued until a challenge was filed, at which time hearings were put on hold. Following the July 1, 2011 Louisiana Supreme Court ruling, hearings once again began September 2, 2011. Throughout the month of July 2011, SOAP staff worked to identify best practices and compare results of prior panels with other states. The finding was that only 1-2% of those offenders reviewed actually meet the statutory definition of Child Sexual Predator (CSP) or Sexually Violent Predator (SVP). With that information, the Panel began to re-evaluate all 614 cases originally reviewed and found to meet CSP/SVP criteria. Once those were complete, reviews began on offenders currently incarcerated with upcoming release dates, as well as those offenders who released from custody without prior review during the period when evaluations were on hold pending the court's decision.

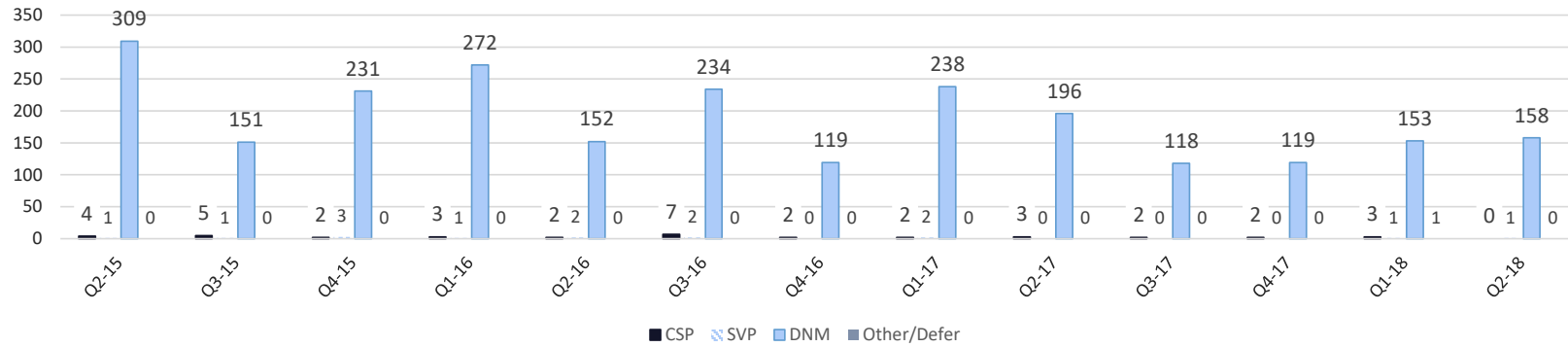
Total Cases Reviewed by Panel

Child Sexual Predator (CSP)	90
Sexually Violent Predator (SVP)	35
Does Not Meet Criteria (DNM)	6,482
Other/Defer	28
Offender Deceased	61
Cases Reviewed	6,696

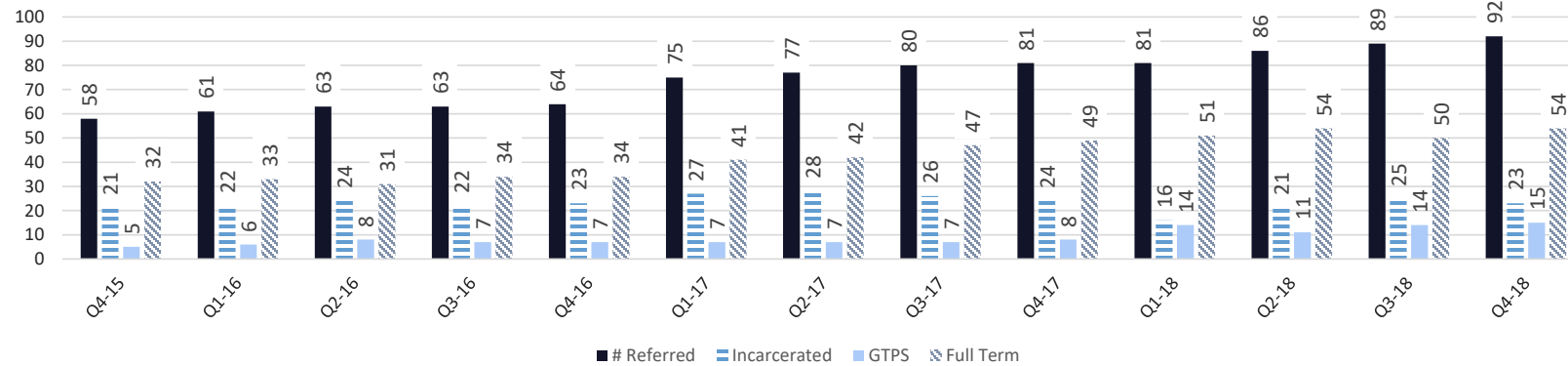
Reviewed by Panel



Findings by Panel



Pending Court Action



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Crime Victims Services Bureau



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*Profile of Crime Victims
Services Bureau*

16,014
Total Victims Registered

Crime Victims Services Bureau (CVSB) acts as a single point of contact for victim registration, notification and information about victim issues and related legal, policy, and program matters. The Bureau oversees the implementation of programs, procedures and policies to ensure that the rights of victims of the DOC's offenders are enforced. Assists with the Victim impact programs for offenders as well as issues specific to offender programs including the Accountability project. Provides and trains victim-related volunteers to assist in the Victim-Offender Dialogue Program.

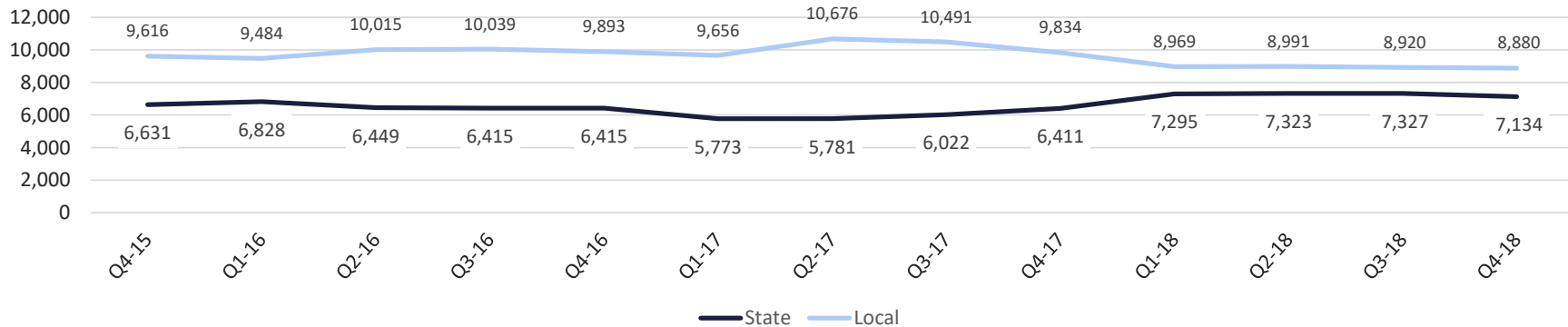
We encourage victims directly affected by the criminal actions of an individual under the Department's authority to register with the CVSB in order to be notified of the following events:

- Initial housing location and projected release dates
- Court ruling affecting sentencing length
- Escape from institutional custody and appreciation
- Assignment to work transition program
- Release from incarceration by any means, including death

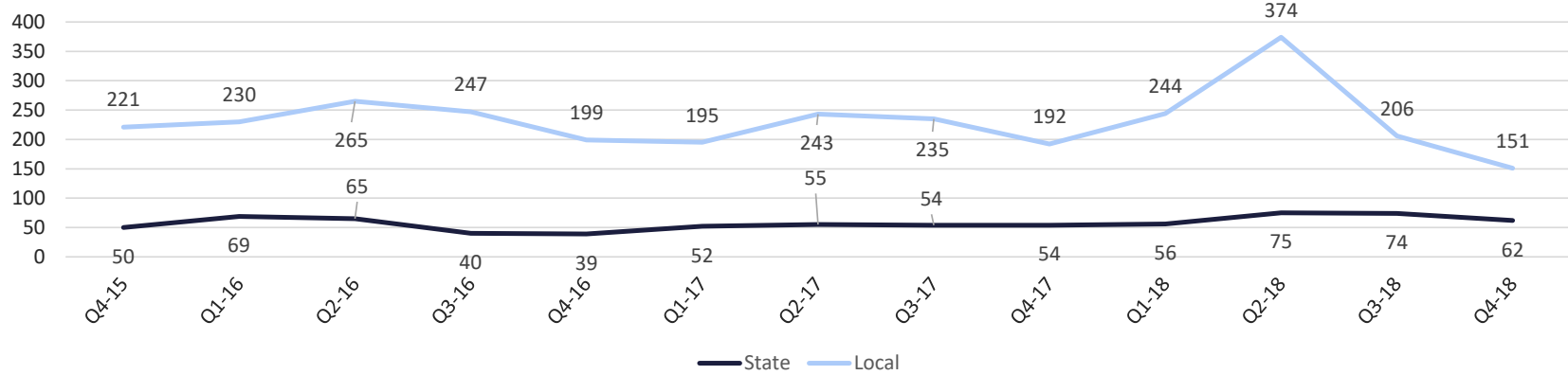
CVSB also offers to victims and other concerned persons the below:

- Current photograph of offender (within three months of earliest projected release date)
- Help in halting unsolicited communications from offenders
- Referrals to other agencies and organizations
- CVSB brochures & VOD brochures for information

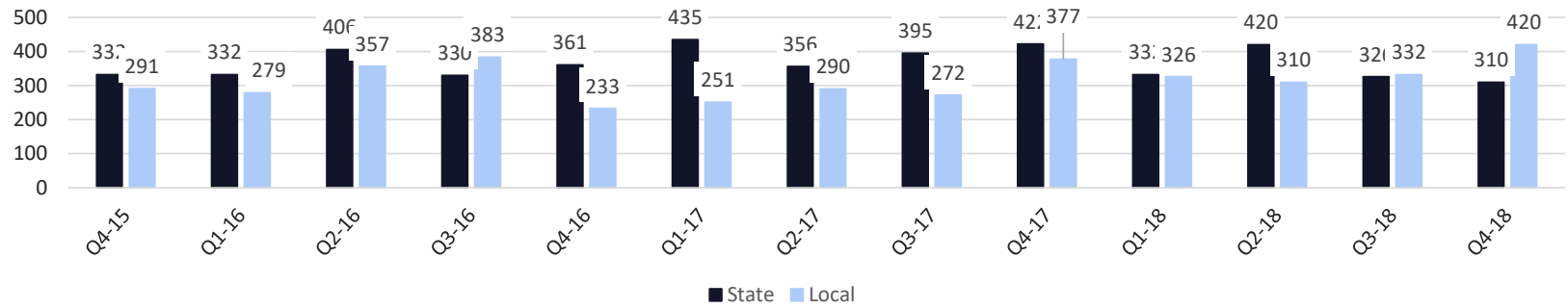
Victims Registered

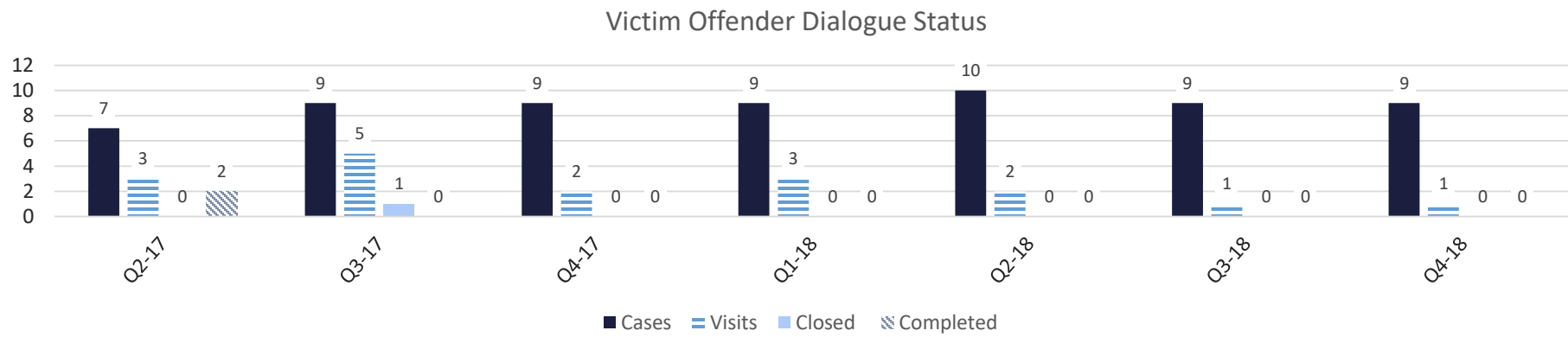


New Victims Registered



Letters Generated





Closed- Cases have been closed at recommendation of facilitator or per request of offender/victim

Completed- Number of cases in which a dialogue was done within the 3 year period reflected on the graph

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Legal Services



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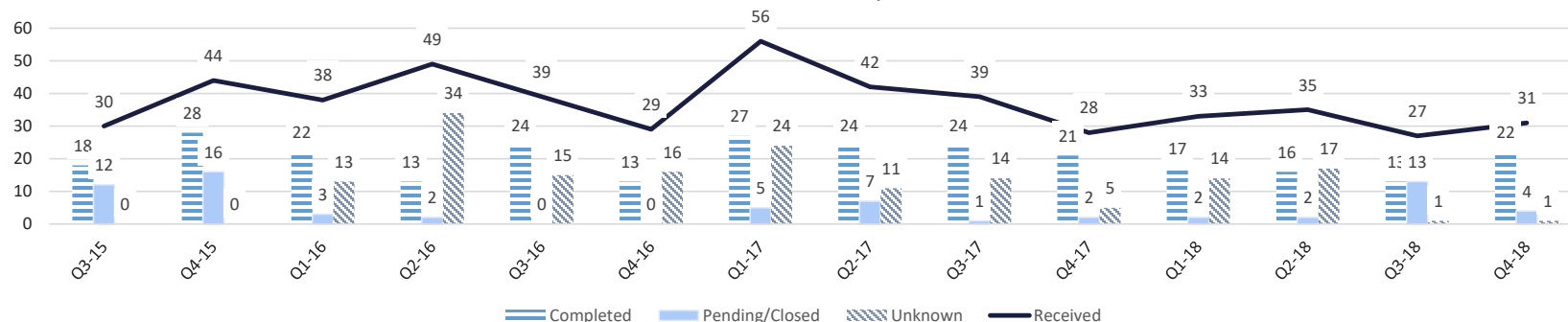
Legal Services provides advice and counsel to the administration and staff with regard to legal issues concerning the Dept. Legal Services bears the primary responsibility for federal and state litigation against the Dept. and its employees arising from state correctional facilities and local institutions housing state felony offenders.

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Legal Services*

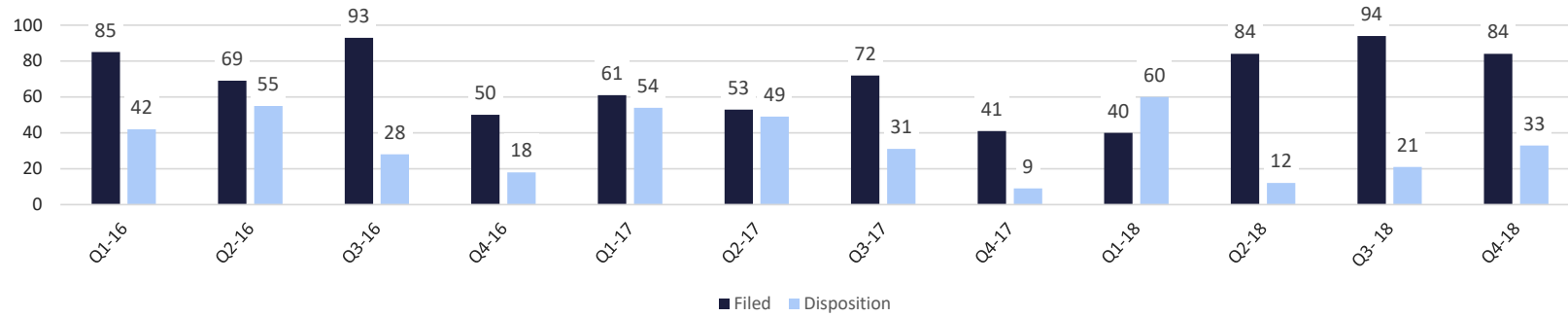
The Office of Legal Services is directed by the General Counsel. The General Counsel oversees and supervises the Deputy General Counsel, three senior attorneys, a paralegal and the support staff within the Office of Legal Services. Under the direction of the General Counsel, legal advice and representation provided by the attorney staff covers an exceedingly broad range of matters including, but not limited to, prisoner litigation, civil service proceedings, personnel and employee disciplinary matters, agency rule promulgation, prisoner and employee grievances, contracts, bids, sentence computation, statutory interpretation, diminution of sentence calculations, parole eligibility determinations, public record requests, subpoenas, garnishments, execution protocol, ethics, administrative law issues, HIPAA compliance, PREA compliance, and legislation involving the Department.

Legal Services also provides legal memoranda and position papers to support agency decisions, employee training materials and seminars, and coordination with the Louisiana Department of Justice regarding litigation referred to that agency for handling. Finally, the Office of Legal Services maintains the complete records of all final agency decisions concerning prisoner grievances and disciplinary board appeals.

Public Records Requests



Offender Suits



Non-Offender Suits

