

**Committee on Children and Young People**  
Public hearing – 14 May 2021

**Responses to supplementary questions**  
Office of the Children's Guardian

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS – OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN’S GUARDIAN**

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – Inquiry into Support for children of imprisoned parents in New South Wales**

1. Has your management of the Working with Children Check identified any unique challenges regarding organisations or individuals working with children of imprisoned parents?

**ANSWER**

No.

2. Are out-of-home care (OOHC) agencies in NSW adequately resourced and trained to support children of imprisoned parents?

**ANSWER**

Arranging contact between children and their parents and supporting important family relationships is part of day-to-day OOHC practice.

The NSW Child Safe Standards for Permanent Care (Permanent Care Standards) require agencies to recruit workers with the necessary skills to work with vulnerable children and their families. This includes capacity to support contact between children and their parents. It is also a requirement of the Permanent Care Standards that agencies support the participation of family in children’s lives.