



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
Committee on Children and Young People

Inquiry into the child protection and social services system

Response to question taken on notice

Katie Kelso, Deputy Director Family Law, Legal Aid NSW

Question:

Do you get any complaints about the work of lawyers who have been assigned as children's representatives?

Our Private Lawyer Quality Standards ('PLQS') Unit have advised that from January 2021 until now three complaints have been received about the work of lawyers who have been appointed as independent or direct legal representatives pursuant to Section 99 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*. I note that our PLQS unit monitors the quality of legal aid work undertaken by panel law practices. More information about the monitoring and compliance work conducted by the PLQS can be found here: [Monitoring and compliance - Legal Aid NSW](#).

