



Inquiry into child protection

1. That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 inquire into and report on the role of the Department of Family and Community Services in relation to child protection, including:
 - a) the capacity and effectiveness of systems, procedures and practices to notify, investigate and assess reports of children and young people at risk of harm
 - b) the adequacy and reliability of the safety, risk and risk assessment tools used at Community Service Centres
 - c) the amount and allocation of funding and resources to the Department of Family and Community Services for the employment of casework specialists, caseworkers and other frontline personnel and all other associated costs for the provision of services for children at risk of harm, and children in out of home care
 - d) the amount and allocation of funding and resources to non-government organisations for the employment of casework specialists, caseworkers and other frontline personnel and all other associated costs for the provision of services for children at risk of harm, and children in out of home care
 - e) the support, training, safety, monitoring and auditing of carers including foster carers and relative/kin carers
 - f) the structure of oversight and interaction in place between the Office of the Children's Guardian, Department of Family and Community Services, and non-government organisations regarding the provision of services for children and young people at risk of harm or in out of home care
 - g) specific initiatives and outcomes for at risk Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people
 - h) the amount and allocation of funding and resources to universal supports and to intensive, targeted prevention and early intervention programs to prevent and reduce risk of harm to children and young people, and
 - i) any other related matter.

Committee membership

The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
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Mr David Shoebridge MLC*	The Greens	
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