

# CHILD PROTECTION REFORM CABINET COMMITTEE

## Terms of reference

September 2017

Membership	
Premier	Hon Jay Weatherill
Deputy Premier Minister for Child Protection Reform	Hon John Rau (Chair)
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation	Hon Kyam Maher
Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion	Hon Zoe Bettison
Minister for Education and Child Development	Hon Susan Close
Minister for Health Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse	Hon Peter Malinauskas
Minister for Police	Hon Chris Picton

The Chair will have the discretion to invite any minister, departmental officer or external stakeholder to attend a meeting to assist the Committee to meet its objectives. This may occur on an ad hoc or regular basis.

The following will receive a standing invitation to attend ordinary meetings:

- Chief Executive, Attorney-General's Department
- Chief Executive, Department for Education and Child Development
- Chief Executive, Department for Child Protection
- Deputy Chief Executive, Attorney-General's Department
- Deputy Chief Executive, Department for the Premier and Cabinet.

## Objective

The Committee is responsible for overseeing vital whole of government reforms to South Australia's child protection system, particularly in response to the Child Protection Systems Royal Commission.

The Child Protection Reform Cabinet Committee is driven by the public value proposition that:

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*If the government prioritises early intervention and works with at risk families before crises happen, then we can ensure government resources are deployed to the maximum benefit of children. This in turn will ensure that all South Australian children have the opportunity to lead happy lives, and grow up to be productive citizens.*

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The Committee will meet its objective by:

- Providing Cabinet with analysis and alternatives on complex child protection issues including, but not limited to, mandatory reporting, early intervention, foster care, adoption, screening, and improving the lives of children under guardianship of the Minister.
- Developing policy options for Cabinet so that South Australia can have the best possible child protection system by 2020
- Considering and approving/not approving Cabinet submissions on behalf of Cabinet which relate to child protection reform matters, including policy reform proposals and submissions to inquiries
- Oversee the development and implementation of the South Australian Government response to the Child Protection Systems Royal Commission and ensure the State Government is well positioned to respond to and efficiently implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission and that Cabinet is well appraised of all options
- Calling accountable Ministers and Chief Executives to appear before the Committee to provide updates on the status and delivery of key child protection reform commitments and projects.

The Committee may also consider other matters referred to it from time to time.

However, in keeping with the public value reforms to Cabinet committees to streamline the Cabinet agenda and reduce duplicative considerations of proposals, any proposals seeking funding of up to \$10 million per annum should be referred to the Budget and Performance Cabinet Committee for approval, rather than the Child Protection Reform Cabinet Committee.

## Operational matters

### Meetings

The Child Protection Reform Cabinet Committee will meet at least 6 times per annum, or more frequently at the discretion of the Chair.

### Secretariat

Cabinet Office, Department of the Premier and Cabinet will provide administrative support to enable the Committee to fully consider the issues brought before it.

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