

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE
COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Fourth Report — “Annual Report 2018–19” — Tabling

MR K.M. O'DONNELL (Kalgoorlie) [10.14 am]: Greetings, Mr Acting Speaker. I present for tabling the fourth report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People titled “Annual Report 2018–19”.

[See paper 3059.]

Mr K.M. O'DONNELL: On behalf of the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People, who sits in the other place, it is my pleasure to present for tabling the committee's third annual report in the fortieth Parliament. For the purpose of tabling, I will read the chair's foreword from the report. It states —

During the reporting period, the Committee continued to oversee the work of the Children's Commissioner and in particular, to monitor the progress and outcomes of the *Improving the Odds* report and the *Speaking Out Survey*. The Committee kept under review the State Government's ongoing response to the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse*. As part of this review process, the Committee established an inquiry into the child safe standard provisions recommended by the Royal Commission. The Committee's work has highlighted the need to improve oversight provisions across the government and non-government sector.

During the year, our committee had two briefings, 16 deliberative meetings and 21 formal evidence hearings. A total of 51 witnesses appeared, two reports were tabled, eight report findings were tabled and two report recommendations were tabled. I would like to thank my fellow committee members, Jessica Stojkovski, the member for Kingsley, who has become a good friend of mine now —

Dr A.D. Buti: Everyone is a good friend of yours.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, please.

Mr K.M. O'DONNELL: Yes. I thank Hon Dr Sally Talbot, the chair, and Hon Donna Faragher for their commitment and contribution over the year. I also acknowledge the valuable support of the committee secretariat.