

Environment and Public Affairs Committee

From: Peter Collins
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2019 9:40 AM
To: Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Subject: Attention: Maddison Evans | Committee Clerk Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs corrected transcript and answers to questions

Dear Maddison,

In relation to the questions asked during my evidence:

Re question on page 7 of the transcript – I am advised by ALSWA staff responsible for the Youth Engagement Program operating out of Perth Children’s Court that the Program has not assisted a young person who has been on the register.

Re question on page 13 – On reflection, if a retrospective review was to be undertaken of children and young people on the register to determine which ones should remain on the register and those who might not, primary responsibility for initiating applications to be removed from the register should be initiated by police. The benefit of that approach is that as police have responsibility for monitoring those on the register, police will then have access to up to date contact details for the individuals concerned. Police can then liaise with organisations like ALSWA to provide legal advice and representation if needed. If the requirement to request a review was to rest with the individual, the likelihood of young Aboriginal persons on the register initiating reviews absent help from ALSWA is minimal. That said, there should also be scope for young persons on the register to be able to seek a review of their registration, in the case of those young persons with the wherewithal to take such a course.

Kind Regards,

Peter