Select Committee on the Adequacy of Foster Care Assessment Procedures by the Department for Community Development

Media Statement

On September 21 2005, the Legislative Council of Western Australia established a Select Committee to inquire into the adequacy of foster care procedures within the Department for Community Development. The Committee must report to the Legislative Council by March 28 2006.

Members of the Committee are Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC (Chairman), Hon Sue Ellery MLC and Hon Giz Watson MLC. The Chairman said that the Committee:

...pays tribute to those wonderful caring foster parents who go above and beyond the call of duty. The Committee will investigate the selection procedures, training and support for carers and caseworkers.

The Committee invites written submissions from interested persons. A submission must address the Committee's terms of reference and be received by 4 pm on November 18 2005.

For copies of the Committee's terms of reference and information about submissions, please contact:

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Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC, Chairman

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