

**ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR COMMERCE**

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Ms Lisa Baker, MLA
Chair, Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner
for Children and Young People
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WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Ms Baker

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 2013 concerning the recruitment of the next Commissioner for Children and Young People.

I can confirm that Ms Jennifer Perkins has been appointed as Acting Commissioner for Children and Young People by the Governor in accordance with section 14 of the *Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2006* (the Act). Ms Perkins is the former Director General of the Department for Communities, and will act in the role for a period of up to 12 months.

I am aware of the legislative requirements for the appointment of a permanent Commissioner. The Government is finalising its response to the statutory review of the Act and once completed, any required legislative changes can then be drafted. It is currently my intention to table the statutory review in the new year and the recruitment process for a new commissioner will be able to commence shortly thereafter.

Yours sincerely

Hon. Michael Mischin MLC
ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR COMMERCE
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