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Interim Report

SELECT COMMITTEE INTO CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Inquiry into Child Development Services — Extension of time

Presented by
Hon Dr Sally Talbot MLC (Chair)
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Select Committee into Child Development Services

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Select Committee into Child Development Services

Extension of time

- 1 On 31 August 2022, the Legislative Council established the Select Committee into Child Development Services (Committee) to inquire into and report on:
 - (a) the role of child development services on a child's overall development, health and wellbeing;
 - (b) the delivery of child development services in both metropolitan and regional Western Australia, including paediatric and allied health services;
 - (c) the role of specialist medical colleges, universities and other training bodies in establishing sufficient workforce pathways;
 - (d) opportunities to increase engagement in the primary care sector, including improved collaboration across both government and non-government child development services, including Aboriginal community-controlled organisations; and
 - (e) other government child development service models and programs operating outside of Western Australia and the applicability of those programs to the state.¹
- 2 The reporting date is 31 August 2023, which is a sitting day that is exactly 12 months after the Committee was established.² The Committee has resolved to seek an extension of time in which to report to the Legislative Council.
- 3 To date, the Committee has received 89 submissions and held 37 hearings, some of which were held in Bunbury, Albany, Broome, Bidyadanga and Derby. The Committee is currently awaiting further written evidence and intends to hold more hearings.
- 4 The Committee's terms of reference are broad, and evidence provided to the Committee has raised a range of complex matters. An extension of time will enable the Committee to assess and deliberate on the significant volume of material received, and so, properly discharge its reporting obligations to the Legislative Council.
- 5 The Committee therefore requests an extension of the reporting date, from 31 August 2023 to 31 December 2023.



Hon Dr Sally Talbot MLC

Chair

¹ Term of reference 2: Legislative Council, *Debates*, 2022, pp 3912–3921.

² Term of reference 3.

Select Committee into Child Development Services

Date first appointed:

31 August 2022

Terms of Reference:

- (1) A Select Committee is established to examine child development services in Western Australia.
- (2) The Select Committee is to inquire into and report on —
 - (a) the role of child development services on a child's overall development, health and wellbeing;
 - (b) the delivery of child development services in both metropolitan and regional Western Australia, including paediatric and allied health services;
 - (c) the role of specialist medical colleges, universities and other training bodies in establishing sufficient workforce pathways;
 - (d) opportunities to increase engagement in the primary care sector including improved collaboration across both government and non-government child development services including Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations; and
 - (e) other government child development service models and programs operating outside of Western Australia and the applicability of those programs to the State.
- (3) The Select Committee is to report no later than 12 months after the motion is agreed to.
- (4) The Select Committee shall consist of three members: Hon Dr Sally Talbot (Chair); Hon Donna Faragher; and Hon Samantha Rowe.



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