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Minister for Child Protection

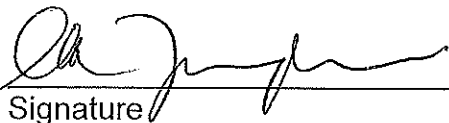
This additional report is to be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Department for Child Protection by:

Cathy Taylor

Chief Executive



Signature

1 November 2018

Date

Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017

Part 4 – Additional Reporting Obligations of the Chief Executive

156 – Additional annual reporting obligations

- 1) The Chief Executive must, not later than 30 September in each year, submit to the Minister a report setting out—
 - a) the following information in respect of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people:
 - (i) the extent to which case planning in relation to such children and young people includes the development of cultural maintenance plans with input from local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations;
 - (ii) the extent to which agreements made in case planning relating to supporting the cultural needs of such children and young people are being met (being support such as transport to cultural events, respect for religious laws, attendance at funerals, providing appropriate food and access to religious celebrations);
 - (iii) the extent to which such children and young people have access to a case worker, community, relative or other person from the same Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community as the child or young person; and
 - b) the following information relating to case workers and children and young people in care:
 - (i) whether a case worker has been allocated to each child and young person in care;
 - (ii) whether each child and young person in care has had face to face contact with their allocated case worker at least once in each month, and, if not, the extent to which those targets have been achieved; and
 - c) whether each child or young person under the guardianship of the Chief Executive until they are 18 years of age has a case plan that is developed, monitored and reviewed as part of a regular 6 monthly planning cycle and, if not, the extent to which that target has been achieved; and
 - d) the emergence of any recurring themes in the matters referred to in a preceding paragraph; and

- e) the following information relating to recommendations of the Child Protection Systems Royal Commission (being information relating to the preceding financial year):
 - (i) the extent to which any outstanding recommendations have been implemented;
 - (ii) if a decision was made to implement a particular recommendation that the government, or the Minister or Chief Executive, had previously indicated would not be implemented—the reasons for that decision and the manner in which the recommendation is to be implemented;
 - (iii) if a decision was made not to implement a particular recommendation that the government, or the Minister or Chief Executive, had previously indicated would be implemented—the reasons for that decision; and
- f) the number, and general nature, of placements of children and young people under section 77; and
- g) any other matter prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this paragraph.

The Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 (the Act) replaces the Children's Protection Act 1993 and ensures that keeping children and young people safe from harm is paramount.

The new Act will be implemented in two phases. The first phase commenced on 26 February 2018 and the remaining sections of the Act will commence on 22 October 2018.

The DCP have received advice that we are unable to report on section 156(1)(a)(i, ii, iii), (c), (d), and (f) as they all relate to reporting on provisions of the Act that will commence on October 22, therefore are unable to report from February to 30 June 2018.

DCP have reported on section 156(1)(e) in the form of the A Fresh Start Annual Report which was released and tabled in Parliament in June 2018.

DCP is currently unable to report on section 156(1)(b)(ii) as the data is not able to be captured. Changes to DCP reports and data capture is being explored and implemented in line with the full commencement of the Act.

At this stage DCP are only able to report on s156(1)(b) of the Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017:

At 30 June 2018 there were 3695 children aged 0-17 years in out of home care. Of these, DCP had case management responsibility for 3540 of these children as 155 were on an Other Person Guardianship order.

All of these children had a Primary Assigned Case Worker recorded at 30 June 2018.