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Additional Reporting Obligations

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Minister for Child Protection

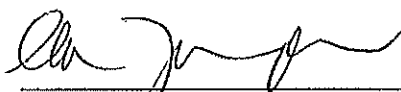
This additional report is to be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

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

7 November 2018

Date

Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017

Part 5 – Additional functions of the Minister

15 – Additional annual reporting obligations

- 1) The Minister must, not later than 30 September in each year, prepare a report—
 - a) detailing the role of the Minister, and the extent to which the Minister has performed the Minister's functions, in respect of the operation of this Act for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June; and
 - b) setting out the following information relating to the provision of family support services and intensive family support services to children and young people who are at risk and their families:
 - (i) the extent to which such services were provided by, or on behalf of, the State (including statistical data relating to the number of times such services were provided) during the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June;
 - (ii) the amount of resources allocated for the provision of such services by or on behalf of the State—
 - (A) during the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June; and
 - (B) during the current financial year;
 - (iii) the extent to which the allocated resources were, in fact, spent on the provision of such services during the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June;
 - (iv) bench-marking the resources referred to in subparagraph (ii) and (iii) against those allocated and spent by other States and Territories in the provision of such services during the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June; and
 - c) providing any other information required 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 was implemented in two phases. The first phase commenced on 26 February 2018 and the remaining sections of the Act commenced on 22 October 2018.

The DCP is unable to report on section 15(1)(a) as it relates to functions of the Minister under provisions of the Act which commenced on 22 October 2018, and are therefore unable to report from February to 30 June 2018.

The DCP is unable to report on section 15(1)(b)(i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) as the data and information is not able to be captured. Changes to data capture is being explored and implemented in line with the full commencement of the Act.