

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE  
COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

*Third Report — “Annual Report 2017–18” — Tabling*

**HONDR SALLY TALBOT (South West)** [10.08 am]: I am directed to present the third report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People, titled “Annual Report 2017–18”.

[See paper 2221.]

**Hon Dr SALLY TALBOT:** As Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People, it is my pleasure to present for tabling the committee’s second annual report in the fortieth Parliament. Pursuant to the functions of the committee, we engaged regularly with the Commissioner for Children and Young People, Mr Colin Pettit, throughout the 2017–18 reporting period. This included public hearings, briefings and a site visit to the commissioner’s office. However, a personal highlight was in June, when the committee hosted the commissioner here at Parliament so that he could provide a briefing for members of Parliament to discuss the outcomes of his school and learning consultation process and technical report.

In addition to the members’ briefing at Parliament, we held a series of hearings with key education stakeholder groups to discuss the findings and recommendations contained within the commissioner’s report. A committee report of the outcomes of these hearings was tabled after the reporting period.

Throughout the reporting year, the committee conducted preparatory work in anticipation of the state government’s response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The state government announced its response in late June 2018 and we will continue to consider how this response may affect the role of the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their commitment and contribution over the year. I look forward to continuing our work. I would also like to acknowledge the valuable support of the committee secretariat.

I commend this report to the house.