

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - ROYAL COMMISSION

Notice of Motion

Mr P.D. Omodei (Leader of the Opposition) gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move -

- (1) That a royal commission be appointed to inquire into and report on the Department for Community Development from 1 January 2000 in its administration of its empowering legislation in discharging its duty to protect the children of Western Australia from actual or perceived risk to their welfare.
- (2) The royal commission is to -
 - (a) examine and report on the -
 - (i) policies;
 - (ii) procedures; and
 - (iii) actionsof the department or any other persons or relevant agency that have been or should have been formulated and implemented to provide for the protection and welfare of children at risk in Western Australia;
 - (b) inquire into and report on whether there has been any -
 - (i) corrupt;
 - (ii) criminal;
 - (iii) negligent; or
 - (iv) improper conductby any officer of the department or any other person in the administration of the legislation, policies and/or the procedures of the department;
 - (c) inquire into and report on the effectiveness of existing legislation, policies and procedures that are intended to provide for the protection of children at actual or perceived risk. This shall include, but not be limited to, inter-department and agency co-operation, and shall include the legislation, policies and procedures of other departments and agencies as considered appropriate; and
 - (d) inquire into and report on whether changes to the laws of the state, the policies and procedures of the department and any other departments or agencies are desirable to provide for the more effectual protection of children at actual or perceived risk.
- (3) In carrying out the terms of reference, the royal commission is to do all things and exercise all powers that a royal commission may do and exercise under the Royal Commissions Act 1968.
- (4) Section 18 of the Royal Commissions Act 1968 shall apply.
- (5) The royal commission is to report by 31 December 2007 and make any recommendations it considers appropriate.