



**Minister for Child Protection; Community Services;
Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests**

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Ms A R Mitchell MLA
Chairman
Joint Standing Committee for Children and Young People
Parliament House
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Dear Chairman

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1 March 2012, regarding Report No 8 of the Joint Standing Committee for Children and Young People, *Report on the functions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People: Working with Children Checks*, which was tabled in Parliament in March 2012.

Recommendations one and three have been referred to the Statutory Review of the *Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004* (the Act) for consideration as part of that Review. I expect to receive the Review Report for my consideration in June or July this year. I will then table my report to both Houses of Parliament as required by section 47 of the Act.

With regard to recommendation two, I consider that it is a matter for the independent Auditor General to determine whether a specific audit is required into working with children checks for departmental staff.

I also note that the Committee's amended Report No 9 was tabled in Parliament late last week. I will ensure that this report is also made available to the review.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the report.

Yours sincerely

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