



Office of the  
Children's Guardian

Mr Roderick Best  
General Counsel to the Royal Commission  
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Sydney

Dear Mr Best,

I refer to your letter of 24 May 2013 and the enclosed summons requiring me to produce documents relating to Jonathan Luke Lord, including but not limited to, any Working With Children Check requested by YMCA NSW for the period 1 January 2008 to 1 August 2009.

Our records indicate that the Working With Children Check in relation to Mr Lord was conducted by the Department of Sport and Recreation Approved Screening Agency and not by the Commission for Children and Young People. As such, the Commission has no documents in this regard. However, the Commission does have access to a record of this check in the Employment Screening System which is the Working With Children Check database. A copy of the record is attached at TAB A.

The Commission undertook an audit of the YMCA Caringbah on 10 July 2012. It was found that all employees working with children had been checked and cleared to work with children.

The Commission has also been in correspondence with a concerned parent who first contacted the Commission in November 2011 about the responsibility for the safety of children following the charging of a worker at the YMCA Caringbah's out of school hours care centre. Subsequent correspondence was received requesting information about the YMCA audit. All correspondence regarding the above is attached at TAB B.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of the above.

Yours sincerely

  
**Kerryn Boland**  
**A/Commissioner and Children's Guardian**  
**20 June 2013**