

Since February 2002, through the Interagency Child Protection Coordination Committee (ICPCC), established by the then Minister for Community Development, the Department has worked to coordinate and collaborate with other government and community agencies and Aboriginal and ethnic communities in the care and protection of children. While a framework for across agency coordination and collaboration was being developed the committee used the *Reciprocal Child Protection Procedures* (updated 2002) as an interim measure; the Department's specific procedures are outlined on pages 38-41.

The Committee then developed and has operated under the *Interagency Collaborative Framework for Protecting Children* since October 2003. The framework outlines the State's vision for children and young people to achieve their full potential in a safe and supportive environment and to be protected from harm. In addition to a purpose, guiding principles and outcomes, the framework contains a statement of commitment to various roles and responsibilities; the department's, in relation to non-government schools, are outlined on pages 15 and 16.

In July 2009, the department entered into an MOU with the Department of Child protection to establish information sharing protocols between the two parties to facilitate compliance with education planning for children in non-government schools who are in the care of the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Child Protection. The Department is also aware of similar MOU's between the Department of Child Protection and CEOWA and AISWA signed in 2009; and a 2008 MOU between CEOWA and Department of Child Protection regarding agreed mandatory reporting procedures for Catholic schools.

In 2007 the Child Safety Directors Group was formed; the Department is a member. This is a high level group formed to prioritise the care and protection of children. In 2013 the Group endorsed the Rapid Response framework to respond to the needs of children and young people in care.

The ICPCC have been working in 2013-14 to consolidate the frameworks and MOU's discussed above into one MOU. It is understood that this MOU is with the Director General of the Department of Child Protection and Family Support for signing prior to distribution to other parties, including the Department.