

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to Minister for Child Protection.

Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee

1. As of the 9th August 2011, who are the members of the Northern Territory Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee.
2. What is the budget allocated for the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee in 2011 / 2012 and for each year in the forward estimates.
3. Where and when will the third and fourth meetings of the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee to be held.
4. Will you place the forward meeting schedule on your Department's website.
5. Has the Committee requested to meet with any individual, body or organization external to Government. Who have they requested to meet with and when will those meetings take place.
6. What was the total cost of the May 2011 meeting of the Northern Territory Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee held in Alice Springs.
7. The report of the second meeting of the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee – tabled in Parliament in Monday 8th August 2011 – states that the report was written by the Committee. Exactly who was the primary author of this report.
8. Given that reports of this nature usually include the name or names of the authors, why was the author(s) name not included in this report.
9. Why does the report of the second meeting of the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee not include the names of the members of the Committee that attended the second meeting of the Committee in May 2011.
10. Who authorised the release of the report and when did the Minister sign off on the report for release.
11. When will the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee be meeting with the Ombudsman – given the public release of the Ombudsman Report – *A Lifelong Shadow* - on Child Protection on Monday 8th August 2011 and the serious matters contained within.

12. Given the Ombudsman's knowledge and understanding of the problems within child protection in the Northern Territory, will you appoint the Ombudsman to the External Monitoring and Reporting Committee.
13. How will the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee be measuring and assessing the Government's implementation of the 147 recommendations of the Growing Them Strong, Together Report.
14. Who will be writing the future reports of the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee Meetings and Findings.
15. Will the name(s) of the author of any future reports of the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee be published on the document.
16. Will the format and agenda for meetings of the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee be managed by the Government.
17. Who provides administrative support to the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee.
18. The Ombudsman's Report - *A Lifelong Shadow* - contains 28 recommendations for implementation. For each recommendation accepted, what is the timeline for implementation.
19. Again, with reference to the Ombudsman's Report – *A Lifelong Shadow* - for each recommendation that the Government has rejected please explain why the recommendation has been rejected.
20. Why did it take the Minister for Child Protection one month (29th June to 27 July 2011) after accepting the final Ombudsman's Report – *A lifelong Shadow* – to inform the Ombudsman that the report had to be presented to the Chief Minister.
21. Have any instructions been provided by you or the Department to the External Monitoring Committee that would prevent them, either collectively or individually responding to my letter of 17 May 2011.
22. The Northern Territory Government website includes a section pertaining to the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee – why are there no contact details provided for the Committee.
23. How can the public contact the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee if these details are not publicly provided.
24. What are the contact details for the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee.
25. Which members of the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee attended the second meeting of the Committee on 26th and 27th May 2011.
26. Who provided administrative support for the Child Protection External Monitoring and Reporting Committee at the second meeting of the Committee on 26th and 27th May 2011.

27. Can the Minister for Child Protection state that the report of the second meeting of the Committee on 26th and 27th May 2011 was written completely independently by the Committee, with no assistance or input from Government.
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