



THE SENATE

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Australia's youth justice and incarceration system**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Tuesday 17 March 2026**

**Doubletree Hilton Northbridge  
100 James Street, Northbridge, Perth**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.30 am	<b>WA Commissioner for Children and Young People (47 Parliament submission 98)</b> Dr Jacqueline McGowan-Jones, Commissioner  <b>Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services (WA) (Submission 12)</b> Mr Eamon Ryan, Inspector of Custodial Services Ms Jane Higgins, Deputy Inspector of Custodial Services
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
10.45 am	<b>Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (47 Parliament submission 171)</b> Mrs Klaudia Shenton, Principal Policy and Strategy Manager Ms Amanda Collins-Clinch, Executive Manager - Office of the CEO  <b>NOFASD Australia (via teleconference) (Submission 56)</b> Ms Sophie Harrington, CEO Ms Louise Gray, Specialist Advisor  <b>Justice Health Group (47 Parliament submission 114)</b> Dr Stuart Kinner, Head  <b>Council of Aboriginal Services Western Australia (47 Parliament submission 107)</b> Mr Chad Steward, CEO
<b>11.45 am</b>	<b>Short suspension</b>
11.50 am	<b>The Kids Research Institute Australia (47 Parliament submission 116)</b>  <b>Dr Hayley Passmore, Dr Raewyn Mutch, Dr Sharynne Hamilton (via teleconference), and Associate Professor Glenn Pearson (Submission 98)</b>
<b>12.50 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>

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1.50 pm	<p><b>Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia</b> (<i>Submission 51</i>) Ms Lexi Lachal, Senior Managing Lawyer of the Civil Law and Human Rights Unit Mr Roy Blurton, Acting Manager of the ALS Youth Engagement Program</p> <p><b>Social Reinvestment WA</b> (<i>Submission 42</i>) Ms Sophie Stewart, CEO Mr Ronald Bin Swani, Advocacy Lead</p>
2.50 pm	<p><i>Short suspension</i></p>
2.55 pm	<p><b>Hello Initiative (47 Parliament submission 21)</b> Ms Ashleigh Dickson, CEO</p> <p><b>Life Without Barriers</b> (<i>Submission 95</i>) Ms Suellen Lembke, Manager Program Advancement and Implementation MST and YAP</p> <p><b>Save the Children and 54 reasons</b> (<i>Submission 63</i>) Ms Amanda Hunt, Director WA</p> <p><b>Foundation for Indigenous Sustainable Health (FISH)</b> Mr Mark Anderson, CEO Ms Liza Fraser-Gooda, Co-Chair</p>
3.55 pm	<p><i>Adjournment</i></p>