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Dear Ms Buchanan Liana

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS – COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

I am pleased to provide you with my Statement of Expectations for the Commission for Children and Young People (the Commission). This Statement of Expectations applies from the date of signature on this correspondence, until 30 June 2019, or until otherwise amended.

As Minister for Families and Children, I am committed to supporting vulnerable clients and improving the wellbeing of Victorians. My responsibilities include administering the *Children, Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005*, that was established to protect the wellbeing of children. It provides for two significant regulatory schemes that aim to protect the most vulnerable people of our community, children. These are the Reportable Conduct Scheme and the Child Safe Standards Scheme.

Child Safe Standards were introduced from 1 January 2016 and the first phase of the reportable conduct scheme commenced on 1 July 2017. Both regulatory schemes are overseen by the Commission. Given both these schemes are in their early stages of implementation this is the first Statement of Expectations I have issued to the Commission.

Improving regulatory practice

The department's regulators must operate within a framework that enables them to maximise efficiency and effectiveness. Implementing outcomes and risk based regulation will assist regulators to do this. To this end I note that the *Statement of Expectations Framework for Regulators* guidance document focuses on risk based strategies as one of three mandatory regulatory improvement areas across Government. Therefore two of the attached key improvements relate to risk based strategies and collection of baseline data to inform a risk based approach.

Publishing and reporting requirements

The Commission is required to publish the attached Ministerial Statement of Expectations performance improvements, and the Commission's response to these, on the Commission's website.

Reporting on the Commission's progress to achieve these Statement of Expectations performance improvements should be undertaken shortly after the conclusion of the 2017-18 and the 2018-19 financial years on the Commission's website.

I look forward to the Commission working continuously towards achieving best practice in the administration and enforcement of regulation.

Yours sincerely

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Encl. Ministerial Statement of Expectations: Improvements for the Commission for Children and Young People

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Ministerial Statement of Expectations 2017-18 and 2018-19: Improvements for the Commission for Children and Young People

This Statement of Expectations which applies from the date of signature on this correspondence to 30 June 2019, or until otherwise amended, sets out my expectations in relation to the Commission for Children and Young People's (the Commission) regulatory functions related to administering the Child Safe Standards and Reportable Conduct Scheme

Risk-based strategies

- Develop an overarching regulatory approach to guide administration of the Commission's regulatory functions that incorporates the use of risk-based regulatory practices.

Data to inform a risk-based approach

- Collection of relevant data to be used for a range of purposes including:
    - enable baseline for key regulatory processes and
    - inform a risk-based approach.

Compliance related assistance and advice

- Ensure timely and effective advice is provided to organisations subject to the Child Safe Standards and Reportable Conduct Scheme to assist them to comply with their obligations. In particular, the Commission should ensure assistance and advice is provided to those organisations who will be newly subject to the Reportable Conduct Scheme from 1 January 2019.

Timeliness

- Ensure that enquiries to the Commission for information regarding the Child Safe Standards and Reportable Conduct Scheme are responded to in a timely manner.

In developing actions to develop good regulatory practice, the Commission is expected to consult with business and the broader community as appropriate.