




Speech By
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LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Report, Motion to Take Note

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (3.05 pm): The Queensland Family and Child Commission is established under the Family and Child Commission Act 2014 to promote the safety, wellbeing and best interests of children and young people and to improve the child protection system. Schedule 6 of the standing orders provides that the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee has oversight responsibility for the QFCC, including to monitor and review the QFCC's functions and report to the Legislative Assembly on any matter that the committee considers should be drawn to the Legislative Assembly's attention.

Our committee tabled report No. 42 in the 56th Parliament, *Oversight of the Queensland Family and Child Commission*, on 4 July. The committee makes one recommendation in the report: that the House notes the contents of this report. The report focused on the 2017-18 financial year and notes the work the QFCC has achieved, especially given the extremely challenging issues it examined. The committee congratulates Cheryl Vardon, chief executive and principal commissioner, and her team at the QFCC on their performance. We recognise the enormous body of work generated in the context of the QFCC's focus, which is the safety, wellbeing and best interests of all children and young people in Queensland.