



Annual report tabled in parliament

31 October 2019

The Annual Report 2018–19 for the Office of the Children's Guardian was tabled in Parliament today.

Highlights include:

- In 2018–19, the Office of the Children's Guardian processed 480,485 Working With Children Check applications, a 28% increase over the previous year
- Nearly 1,800,000 people now hold a Working With Children Check clearance in NSW, with all sectors phased in to the online system and subject to continuous checking
- Almost half of all Working With Children Check applications were people renewing their Working with Children Checks – with previously cleared applicants soon expected to be the majority of WWCC applications

- More than 600 people were barred from working with children, either as paid employees or volunteers
- 4,100 employers were audited for compliance with the WWCC
- More than 4,708 people from 1,255 organisations attended training to assist them to keep children safe
- 74 agencies were accredited to deliver out-of-home care and adoption services
- 123 agencies authorised to provide or arrange voluntary out-of-home care
- 18,871 carers have been authorised on the NSW Carers Register
- Extensive consultations were conducted on a framework to implement the Child Safe Standards across NSW.

NSW Children's Guardian Janet Schorer said the Annual Report 2018–19 demonstrates a strong commitment to keeping children safe in NSW.

[Office of the Children's Guardian Annual Report 2018–19 \(2.1MB\)](#)