

Annual Report 2022-23

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Letter of transmission

Hon Blair Boyer MP
Minister for Education, Training and Skills

Dear Minister

I submit to you for presentation to Parliament the Child Development Council's annual report for the 2022-23 financial year.

This annual report has been prepared to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Children and Young People (Oversight and Advocacy Bodies) Act 2016* and the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

In compliance with the *Public Sector Act 2009* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, reporting of the management of human resources and financial issues has been included in the Department for Education's 2022-23 annual report.

Submitted on behalf of the Child Development Council by:

Associate Professor Victoria Whittington
Presiding Member

28/09/2023

Date



Signature

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Executive summary

The Child Development Council's key functions under the [Children and Young People \(Oversight and Advocacy Bodies\) Act 2016](#) include to develop and maintain an Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People, including a Charter for Children and Young People (s 55). The Council has a responsibility regarding **all** children and young people¹ and a specific requirement in connection with improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people (regulation 12(2)(d)).²

The legislation requires outcomes data to be reported to inform a whole-of-government approach to funding, objectives, developing and implementing strategies, policies and services. It meets the requirement of the Framework being 'instrumental in guiding the Government's work for children and young people across South Australia.'³

This annual report reflects on how the Council has fulfilled its statutory functions in 2022-23 including reporting data under the Framework, reviewing the Framework and engaging with children and young people. For example:

- Reporting data for children and young people (birth to 18 years):
 - [How are they faring? South Australia's 2022 Report Card for children and young people](#) – this third report card of population-level data indicated that most children and young people were faring well; however, national comparison showed that, proportionally, more young South Australians lived in the most disadvantaged socio-economic circumstances
 - [No data. No problem?](#) – this policy brief highlighted good quality data as fundamental to government for informed decisions about strategies, objectives and policies affecting children and young people.
- Reviewing the Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People:
 - the Framework was gazetted on 14 November 2019

¹ In carrying out its functions for all children and young people (birth to 18 years), the Council must engage children and young people (ss 57(4)(c)). The Council also has an obligation to engage their parents, carers and families (s 57(4)(c)).

² The Council has a specific requirement to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (reg 12(2)(d)).

³ South Australia, Parliamentary Debates, Legislative Council, 20 September 2016 (The Hon. P. Malinauskas, Minister for Police, Minister for Correctional Services, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Road Safety).

- the legislation requires the Framework to be reviewed at least once in each three-year period
- a five-month period of open consultation for the Framework review was complemented by targeted, face-to-face community consultation with Aboriginal people from 1 June to 31 August 2022
- in late 2022 and early 2023, the Council worked through the feedback from 12 submissions, 33 online survey responses, two consultation sessions with young people, and the targeted community consultation
- from February to May 2023 the Council discussed and integrated, as considered appropriate, several modifications to the Framework
- in late June 2023, the Council submitted the variation of the Framework to the Minister for Education, Training and Skills for approval.
- Charter Ambassador Program:
 - The legislation requires the Council to engage with children and young people regarding the Framework
 - The Charter Ambassador Program (CAP) exists to facilitate engagement with children and young people regarding the Framework through the Charter which is embedded at the core of the Framework
 - In 2022-23, the Council facilitated a CAP calendar of events with engagement opportunities including:
 - two events at Parliament House in August 2022 and June 2023
 - media training forum in September 2022
 - school community safety forum in October 2022.

The Council's 2022-23 annual report also provides information regarding:

- Council leadership and membership
- Council operations, funding and support
- stakeholder engagement and liaison
- submissions, collaborations and other initiatives and activities.

Introduction

The Child Development Council (Council) is established in accordance with Part 6 of the [Children and Young People \(Oversight and Advocacy Bodies\) Act 2016](#) (Act) to:

- develop and maintain an [Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People](#) (Framework) including a Charter for Children and Young People
- promote the implementation of the legislated Framework by State authorities⁴
- report to the Government of South Australia on how effective the Framework is in improving the outcomes of children and young people (birth to 18 years).

South Australia's Framework facilitates the longitudinal tracking and reporting of population-level outcomes in five specified dimensions, eg health, safety, wellbeing, education, and preparing for adulthood. As a legislated Framework it represents an overarching point of reference to guide State authorities to work individually and collectively to improve outcomes for children and young people. Reporting data under the Framework informs a whole-of-government approach to funding, objectives and developing and implementing strategies, policies and services.

South Australia's children and young people at a glance

During Census 2021, 363,100 children and young people **under 18 years**, including 16,400 Aboriginal children and young people⁵, were living in South Australia (SA).

Table 1 Number of children and young people estimated to be living in South Australia.

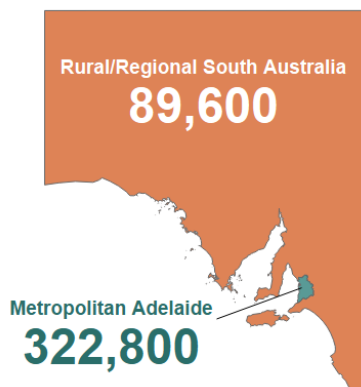
Age Range	Total	Proportion
Birth to 17 years (<18 years)	363,100	100%
Birth-5 years (inc)	114,700	31.6%
6-11 years (inc)	125,200	34.5%
12-17 years (inc)	123,300	33.9%

⁴ State authorities are defined in the Act to include statutory officials, public sector agencies, the South Australia Police, local government eg, councils, incorporated or unincorporated bodies established for a public purpose by/under an Act (other than incorporated companies, associations, cooperatives, societies or other voluntary organisations) and established or subject to control or direction by the Government, a Minister of the Crown or a local council (whether or not established under an Act) and any other person or body declared by the regulations to be a State authority.

⁵ Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, TableBuilder

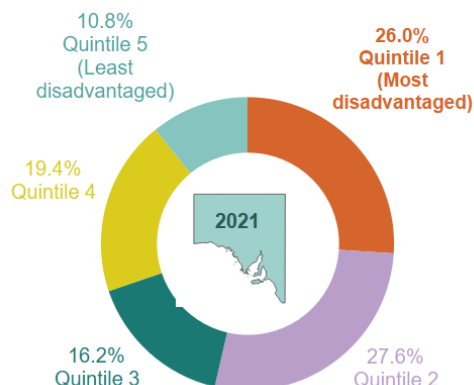
Notes: The top row of infographics show data for children and young people **under 20 years**; the remainder for children and young people **under 18 years**. Due to rounding, the numbers may not add up exactly.

All children and young people



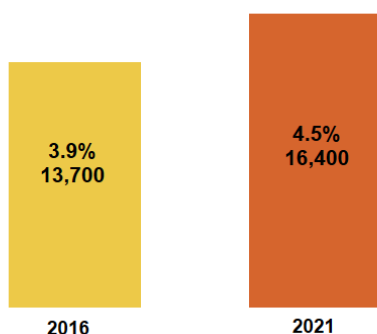
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, cat no. 3235.0 Regional Population by Age and Sex, Australia, June 2021
Age: Children and young people birth to 19 years (under 20 years).

Socioeconomic (IRSD)



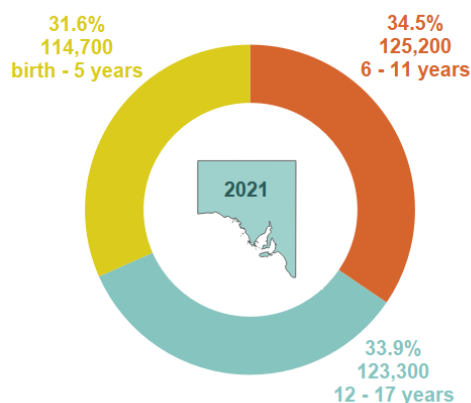
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, cat no. 3235.0 Regional Population by Age and Sex, Australia, June 2021 and Australian Bureau of Statistics, cat no. 2033.0.55.001 Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2016
Age: Children and young people birth to 19 years (under 20 years).

Aboriginal children and young people



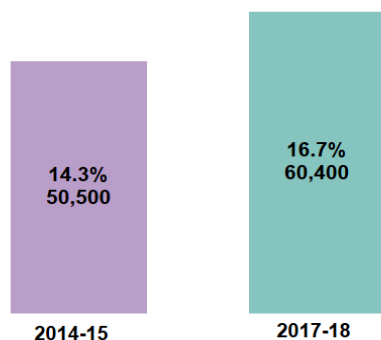
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 and 2021, TableBuilder
Age: Children and young people birth to 17 years (under 18 years).

Age group



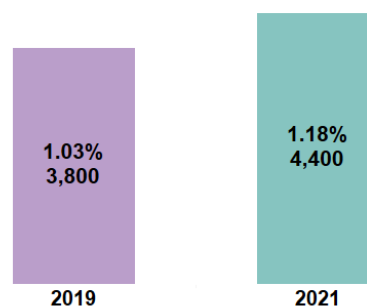
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2021, TableBuilder
Age: Children and young people birth to 17 years (under 18 years).

Disability



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, cat no. 4364.0.55.001 National Health Survey, 2014-15, 2017-18 - South Australia
Age: Children and young people birth to 17 years (under 18 years).

In out-of-home care



Source: AIHW Child Protection Collections 2018-19 and 2020-2021
Age: Children and young people birth to 17 years (under 18 years).

South Australia's 2022 Report Card

[How are they faring? South Australia's 2022 Report Card for children and young people](#) ('SA's 2022 Report Card' or 'report card') was distributed to stakeholders in late December 2022. [Outcomes at a glance](#), an A3 summary of the report card, was published in February 2023.

This third report card of population-level outcomes in the Framework's five dimensions showed that, overall, children and young people under 18 years continued to fare well; however, while *most* young South Australians appeared to be thriving, many continued to face substantial challenges.

Key positive trends reported in SA's 2022 Report Card included:

- a high proportion of women attending a first antenatal visit in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy and declining smoking rates in pregnancy
- a low infant mortality rate and high childhood immunisation rates
- a substantial improvement in the proportion of Year 1 students in government schools reading at an age-appropriate level.

Key concerns in SA's 2022 Report Card included:

- 23.8% of children were developmentally vulnerable in one or more of five domains of the Australian Early Development Census when they started school in 2021 in SA (22.0% nationally)
- 53.6% of children and young people under 20 years lived in disadvantaged socio-economic circumstances in SA, compared to 38.9% nationally. Of these, 26% lived in the *most* disadvantaged circumstances (19.3% nationally)
- 11.8 per 1,000 children and young people under 18 years in SA were *in* out-of-home care (OOHC) **at** 30 June 2021 (10.3 per 1,000 nationally).

Addressing data gaps and data quality was identified as a key priority and SA's 2022 Report Card urged State authorities and data custodians to address data gaps, data lags and data quality.

Policy brief #3: *No data. No problem?*

This third policy brief published in September 2022 celebrated the fact that SA was leading the way with a legislated Framework for children and young people and highlighted:

- that the Council was legislated to report under the Framework to help guide the South Australian Government's policy, legislation, funding and services
- the importance of good quality data as fundamental to government and policy makers for creating strategies, setting objectives or developing and implementing policies affecting children and young people
- that data gaps inhibited informed decision-making in SA to improve outcomes for all children and young people in our state.

The policy brief pointed out that due to an absence of data and no evidence to inform policy and practice, SA was accruing an unacceptable level of cost in remaining in the dark about how children and young people were faring across the five dimensions.

The policy brief recommended that state and local government Chief Executives and leadership teams should lead their organisations and staff in:

- endorsing the Framework, thereby publicly committing to improving agreed outcomes for children and young people
- applying the Framework by proactively assessing how organisational policies, programs and services align with the Framework; embedding it as part of core business; and asking: Are we collecting and/or reporting data that provide evidence of how children and young people are doing in SA?

Framework review and targeted community consultation

In November 2021 the Council submitted a business case seeking funding for consultation with Aboriginal communities for the review. In April 2022, the Council and the Department for Education (Education Department) signed a Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement (MOAA) for funding to employ a Community Consultation Policy Officer. Ms Juliana Chambers started in April 2022, midway through the open consultation.

Three months of targeted, face-to-face, community consultation with Aboriginal peoples opened on 1 June and closed on 31 August 2022. This community consultation with Aboriginal peoples, made possible by the funding, included forums in Port Lincoln; Port Augusta; Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara, Maralinga and Yalata Lands; Mt Gambier; Alice Springs (NPY/APY organisations); Point Pearce and the Riverland. At least three consultations were held in Adelaide with Aboriginal stakeholders from the Women's and Children's Health Network; other Aboriginal people and the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement.

The consultation also included two forums with young people, one in Whyalla at Plaza Youth and the other at Salisbury High School, facilitated by the Youth Affairs Council of South Australia (YACSA).

On 31 May 2023, the Council published the [report of targeted Aboriginal stakeholder and community consultation](#), which highlighted the importance of understanding the cultural engagement and responsibilities of Aboriginal children and young people.

Aboriginal data sovereignty

The Council's Data and Aboriginal Reference Groups led the Council in:

- completing the Lowitja Institute Readiness Assessment Survey in October 2022
- being accepted as an Associate Member Organisation of the Lowitja Institute Members Community in November 2022
- developing and publishing the Council's statement recognising Aboriginal data sovereignty on the Council's website in March 2023.

The statement is accompanied by a bespoke painting donated by Mr Phil Allen, who chairs the Council's Aboriginal Reference Group, supported by a certificate of authenticity both of which were included in a gifts and benefits register in April 2023.

Data and reporting

Framework Data and Technical Report

The existing data and technical report was updated and published on the Council's website in February 2023. This report provides the detailed technical specifications for the Framework measures and captures the latest available data from a variety of state, national and international sources to track and report outcomes under the Framework.

[Australian Child and Youth Wellbeing Atlas](#) (ACYWA) project⁶

The ACYWA project aims to develop Australia's first child health and development atlas to visualise health and wellbeing metrics for improved decision making, ie a new national data asset that geospatially displays data on health and wellbeing outcomes of children and young people. The Council's Senior Statistician, Mr Adrian Ong, joined the ACYWA project partnership group in March 2023. The ACYWA project received [investment](#) from the Australian Research Data Commons, which is funded by the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy.

Enhancing the functionality and interactivity of report cards

Since the Council's establishment in 2018, electronic reporting has been a goal. A project to develop web modules and templates for an online web-based report card began in April 2023. This project is due to be completed in late 2023.

Closing the Gap targets/outcomes

In March 2023, the Council paired/matched the Framework measures against the Closing the Gap (CTG) targets/outcomes to formally identify how the Council's reporting of data under the Framework aligns with the CTG targets/outcomes.

⁶ The ACYWA project was formerly known as the Australian National Child Health and Development Atlas project.

Charter Ambassador Program

The legislation requires the Council to engage with children and young people and the purpose of the CAP is to deliver outcomes that include:

- making children and young people, their families and communities aware of the Framework, including the Charter
- generating qualitative data to complement the quantitative outcomes data reported under the Framework
- understanding citizenship rights and responsibilities in Australia as a democracy.

The CAP was launched in May 2022 at Government House by SA's Charter Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia.

Primary and secondary school students from all school sectors in SA may apply to become Charter Ambassadors. The Council liaises with CAP Facilitators at schools to assist the Charter Ambassadors' involvement in the CAP. It is the goodwill of these educators who volunteer as CAP Facilitators, that make the CAP possible.

The CAP is aligned with the Australian Curriculum in terms of student voice and themes that include decision-making and change; citizenship and influence; leadership and advocacy. The CAP calendar of events from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 featured several opportunities for engagement and connection.

Parliament House on 16 August 2022

The three themes for this event were:

- decision making and change (eg, by the Government of SA and how Parliament works; how decisions are made about what should happen)
- citizenship and influence (eg, how children and young people can influence decision-making and effective/productive ways to influence change)

- leadership and advocacy (eg, how children and young people can be leaders in their communities, and at school, advocating for SA's Charter for Children and Young People).

The Charter Ambassadors heard from, and asked questions of, three Members of Parliament:

- Hon Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills
- Mr Matt Cowdrey OAM MP Shadow Treasurer (and CAP Sponsor)
- Hon Constadina (Connie) Bonaros MLC, SA Best.

Media training online forum on 6 September 2022 with Behind the News reporters and presenters Jack Evans and Amelia Moseley

This online training event aimed to invest in the Charter Ambassadors as individuals and to equip them with skills to promote the Charter. The themes for this forum were:

- story selection
- writing & researching
- style & tone
- how to enhance your story
- interviewing techniques.

School community safety online forum 26 October 2022

This online forum aimed to find out about school community safety issues for children and young people. The following questions were posed:

- what these issues, problems or challenges were and why they were important?
- the characteristics of these issues and what needed to be done?
- to what extent were these safety issues affecting children and young people?
- what would the Charter Ambassadors, as leaders at schools, do to improve these identified, contemporary issues for students in their school communities?

The Charter Ambassadors from schools participating in this online forum identified up to three actions to address after the forum using a template provided to identify, define, design and evaluate their actions.

Parliament House event on 16 June 2023

The three themes for this event were:

- changemaking
- participating in our democracy
- making the most of parliamentary processes.

The Charter Ambassadors briefly heard from three Members of Parliament regarding these themes and then they were asked to respond to questions that had been submitted by the Charter Ambassadors. These three Members were:

- Hon Rhiannon Pearce MP, Assistant Minister to the Deputy Premier
- Hon Heidi Girolamo MLC, Shadow Minister for Communities, Disabilities and Youth
- Hon Connie Bonaros MLC, SA Best.

Charter Ambassador Program video

In June 2023, the Council filmed and edited a short video regarding the CAP that should be released early in the next reporting period.

Submissions, advocacy, advice or collaboration

Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care

The Council made a submission in January 2023 for Session 1 of the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care. Associate Professor Victoria Whittington, Presiding Member, appeared as an invited witness.

Purpose of Public Education

The Council participated in the Education Department's forum with the oversight and advocacy bodies regarding the purpose of public education and the notion of wellbeing in February 2023, and the Council made a submission to the Education Department in March 2023.

Productivity Commission Inquiry into Early Childhood Education and Care

Associate Professor Victoria Whittington and Professor Sally Brinkman met with the [Productivity Commission Inquiry into Early Childhood Education and Care](#) in Adelaide on 1 May 2023. This meeting was followed by a formal letter from the Council on 10 May 2023 to provide the Inquiry with a copy of the Council's submission to the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care.

National Early Years Strategy discussion paper

The Council made a submission to the National Early Years Strategy in response to the discussion paper in April 2023.

Oversight and advocacy bodies

The Council continued to facilitate three meetings per annum of the five oversight and advocacy bodies (OAB) with the overall aim of maximising individual and collective impact of these entities to improve the rights, development and wellbeing outcomes of all children and young people in South Australia.⁷ In 2022-23, the OAB met in July and November 2022 and then in April 2023.

⁷ In 2019-2020, the Council initiated collaborative discussions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP), Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People (CACYP), Guardian for Children and Young People (GCYP), Child Death and Serious Injury Review Committee (CDSIRC) and the Council.

Consultation with young people

The Council partnered with the YACSA for two consultations with young people for the Framework review. These sessions were held in Whyalla at Plaza Youth in July 2022 and in Adelaide in August 2022.

Minister's Student Summit on school violence and response

As part of the Education Department's approach to responding and preventing violence in schools, the Council was invited to contribute to planning of this summit through an advisory group. The summit had been proposed by Professor Barbara Spears AM (Council member) and Professor Phillip Slee from Flinders University.

Professor Spears and secretariat staff participated in the advisory group, and the Council's Engagement Coordinator attended and promoted the CAP at the summit on 6 June 2023. By invitation, Professor Spears is contributing in terms of informing a Plan of Action which is being developed by the Education Department.

Promoting implementation of the Framework

The Council endorsed a Communications Policy and Operational Procedure in July 2022. These two documents guide and inform the Council's communication and engagement with stakeholders regarding the Framework and the Charter.

[Applying the Framework](#), A 'how to' guide developed to assist State authorities in considering and giving effect to the Framework was presented to the Local Government Community Managers Network in August 2022. Then, at the invitation of Mr Paul Di Iulio, Council member and the Chief Executive Officer, Campbelltown City Council, the document was tested by some of his council staff in terms of its usefulness for local government. The guide was revised to accommodate the feedback from Campbelltown City Council staff and distributed widely in October.

Communication and engagement with State authorities and other stakeholders

Communicating and engaging with state and local government entities during the reporting period included writing to, and receiving submissions from, the Education Department, the GCYP and SA Health in June and July 2022.

In August 2022, the Council received verbal updates from:

- two Wellbeing SA Health Promotion Branch, Prevention and Population Health Directorate representatives namely the Director and Manager, Early Years, Children and Young People regarding programs to address childhood obesity
- Head, Office for the Early Years, regarding the Early Learning Strategy.

In September 2022, Council members met Ms Shona Reid, GCYP, and received updates from:

- The Executive Director, Support and Inclusion, and the Director, Support and Inclusion Reform, Support and Inclusion, regarding the Education Department's '1 in 4 reforms and government priorities'
- Wellbeing SA's Manager, Evaluation Services, Epidemiology Branch, Prevention and Population Health Directorate and Manager, Early Years,

Children and Young People, Health Promotion Branch, Prevention and Population Health Directorate regarding their Wellbeing Index.

Associate Professor Victoria Whittington commenced as the Council's new Presiding Member in October 2022 and her activities in that month included a meeting with the Hon Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills (Minister), attending the 0-3 Early Years Taskforce '[Words Grow Minds](#)' campaign launch at Gowrie SA, and attending 'Children in the North Provocation Workshop'.

The Council wrote to State government chief executives, the Premier, Ministers, the Local Government Association (LGA), TAFE SA, Education Standards Board (ESB) and other State authorities with copies of SA's 2022 Report Card in January 2023.

In February 2023:

- the Chief Data Officer/Executive Director, Office of Data Analytics (ODA), Department of the Premier and Cabinet, presented to the Council regarding the ODA's role and its potential relevance to the work of the Council
- members noted correspondence regarding SA's 2022 Report Card from the Commissioner of Public Sector Employment, the Premier of SA, Department for Environment and Water, Minister for Human Services, and Minister for Health and Wellbeing
- the Council was also contacted by the Department for Human Services (DHS) regarding the State Youth Plan and by the Education Department regarding the plans for preschool and school mid-year intakes
- Associate Professor Whittington personally:
 - attended a forum arranged by the Education Department with the five oversight and advocacy bodies regarding the purpose of public education
 - met with the Assistant Director, Mid-year Intake Implementation Team
 - attended the two-day National Public Education Wellbeing Summit organised by the Education Department

- was invited, and contributed on 1 February to the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care (RC ECEC) Round Table 1 on three-year-old preschool.

In March 2023, the Council:

- made a submission to the Education Department regarding the purpose of public education
- received responses from a number State authorities regarding SA's 2022 Report Card, including Wellbeing SA, DHS, Department for Infrastructure and Transport, the ESB and Education Department.

Associate Professor Whittington:

- was invited, and contributed on 24 March, to the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care (RC ECEC) Round Table 2 on three-year-old preschool
- met with DHS Chief Executive regarding SA's 2022 Report Card.

In April 2023, there were meetings with the ESB, Telethon Kids Institute and the Minister for Human Services. The Council received an update from the Department's Mid-year Intake Implementation Team. The Department for Health and Wellbeing acknowledged receipt of SA's 2022 Report Card and the Minister for Child Protection provided the Council with a copy of a report regarding the review of the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017*.

In mid-May 2023, Mr Graham Jaeschke, Deputy Presiding Member, attended the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care (RC ECEC) Roundtable 3 to discuss early childhood education and care workforce issues and, in late May, Dr Neil Wigg PSM, attended the Department of Social Services Early Years Strategy Roundtable. The Council responded to the RC ECEC interim report and wrote to the LGA regarding the Framework and asking to present at the local government conference in late 2023.

In June 2023, the Department for Corrections acknowledged SA's 2022 Report Card. The Council submitted an MOAA acquittal to the Education Department for the funding received for the review consultation. On 30 June 2023, the Council submitted a variation of the Framework to the Minister for his consideration and approval.

Stakeholder services

Data dashboards

- a new dashboard [Determining the data gaps](#) which assesses the quality of the available data, rating it from poor to good in terms of completeness, consistency and reliability, was published on 21 September 2022
- two existing dashboards on the Council's website [Engagement in education and the workforce](#) and [Babies are born healthy](#) were updated with new data in February 2023.

CYP Matters (a themed summary of new reports and other publications)

- five issues were published from August to December 2022 and another five from February to June 2023.

CYP stat of the week (a qualitative statement based on the latest available data)

- a weekly data 'fact' was published on the website and Facebook page.

Quote of the week (a succinct inspirational statement or quote)

- these snippets were published weekly on the Council's Facebook page.

Council leadership and membership

Following the resignation of the inaugural Presiding Member, Dr Anne Glover AO, on 16 May 2022, Mr Graham Jaeschke, Deputy Presiding Member, was the Council's Acting Presiding Member until 5 October 2022 when Associate Professor Victoria Whittington was appointed as the new Presiding Member.

The Council acknowledges Mr Jaeschke's significant contribution to the Council.

Ms Kelly Ryan's second two-year term as a member concluded on 20 July 2022 and Ms Dawn Davis was appointed as a new member on 4 October 2022. [Biographies](#) for Council members, at the time of completing this report, are on the Council's website.

Table 2 Council membership in 2022-23⁸

<i>Voting members</i>	<i>Term</i>
Associate Professor Victoria Whittington, Presiding Member	6/10/22 to 5/10/24
Mr Graham Peter Jaeschke, Deputy Presiding Member	18/7/21 to 17/7/23
Professor Sally Anne Brinkman	11/2/22 to 10/2/24
Dr Neil Richard Wigg PSM	11/2/22 to 10/2/24
Professor Barbara Anne Spears AM	11/2/22 to 10/2/24
Ms Joanne Wickes	11/2/22 to 10/2/24
Associate Professor Yvonne Leona Clark	11/2/22 to 7/7/24
Mr Phillip Adrian Allen	11/2/22 to 10/2/24
Ms Patricia Helen Walton	11/2/22 to 10/2/24
Mr Paul Di Iulio	11/2/22 to 10/2/24
Mr Richard Coates	11/2/22 to 10/2/24
Ms Dawn Davis	5/10/22 to 4/10/24
<i>Non-voting members</i>	<i>Term</i>
Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP)	15 February 2018 to TBA*
Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People (CACYP)	4 December 2021 to TBA*

* Part 6, Division 1, s 52, provides that the CCYP and the CACYP (or persons authorised in writing by the CCYP or CACYP) may attend and take part in Council meetings and have access to meeting papers, but not vote on Council decisions.

⁸ Ms Kelly Ryan's last day as a Council member was 20 July 2022; Ms Ryan is not listed in the above table for that reason.

Operations

Meetings

Ten formal Council meetings were held, in July, August, September, October, November and 6 December 2022 and in February, March, April and June 2023.

The October 2022 meeting was dedicated to working through the Framework review feedback and, in May 2023, members engaged in a facilitated strategic planning session to inform the Council's next work plan.

Table 3 Council meetings and attendance in 2022-2023

Name	2022						2023					TOTAL
	5/7	2/8	6/9	4/10	1/11	6/12	7/2	7/3	4/4	9/5 Planning	6/6	
Phillip ALLEN	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	8
Sally BRINKMAN	✓	✓	A	✓	A	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	7
Yvonne CLARK	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	9
Richard COATES	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9
Dawn DAVIS					A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5
Paul DI IULIO	✓	✓	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	2
Graham JAESCHKE	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
Kelly RYAN	A											0
Barbara SPEARS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	A	8
Patricia WALTON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	9
Victoria WHITINGTON					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7
Joanne WICKES	A	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7
Neil WIGG	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	9
Helen CONNOLLY	✓	A	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
April LAWRIE	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓	A	✓	A	✓	A	5
TOTAL attendances	11	9	7	6	9	7	12	10	10	12	10	103

✓ = Attended

A = Apologies

C= Cancelled

Council committees

In 2022-23, the Council had four committees formally established under the legislation that reported to, and advised, the Council. These committees, known as the Aboriginal Reference Group, Charter Reference Group, Data Reference Group and Engagement Reference Group, were supported by the secretariat.

The Data Reference Group was chaired by Professor Sally Brinkman and the membership included Dr Neil Wigg PSM and Mr Richard Coates. This reference group:

- led the development and publication of a third policy brief regarding the data gaps, data lags and data quality
- met on five occasions in August and September 2022 and January, May and June 2023.

The Aboriginal Reference Group was chaired by Mr Phillip (Phil) Allen and the members were Associate Professor Yvonne Clark and Commissioner April Lawrie. This reference group:

- participated in the face-to-face community consultation with Aboriginal people
- considered and worked through the targeted community consultation feedback and then advised and informed the Council's response
- held two formal meetings in July 2022 and in July 2023.

In October 2022, the Data Reference Group and the Aboriginal Reference Group held a joint meeting to work through the Lowitja Institute Indigenous Data Sovereignty Readiness Assessment and Evaluation Toolkit Survey and to finesse a draft statement regarding Aboriginal data sovereignty.

The Engagement Reference Group was chaired by Mr Graham Jaeschke and the membership included Mr Paul Di Iulio. This reference group:

- guided engagement with State authorities regarding the Framework
- led the development of the Council's Communications Policy and Operational Procedure

- met twice in July and August 2022.

The Charter Reference Group was chaired by Professor Barbara Spears AM and the membership included Ms Tricia Walton and Ms Joanne Wickes. This reference group:

- guided the development of the CAP Plan and calendar of events in 2022 and 2023, including at Parliament House, the planning for a Health and Wellbeing Summit in August 2023 and a Government House event in September 2023.
- met nine times in July, August, September and October 2022 and in January, April, May (twice) and June 2023.

Finance

The Council was funded by the South Australian Government and was reported as an administered item in the Education Department's 2022-23 financial statements. The Council's financial reports were consolidated into, and audited through, the Education Department.

Council members received a modest sitting fee of \$206 for meetings of two to four hours' duration. The Council is not funded for members to receive fees or reimbursement for committee meetings or committee work.

The Council's budget for the 2022-23 financial year was \$544,000 and the table below shows the final operating results for the Council in 2022-23.

Table 3 Financial summary of expenditure for 2022-23

Financial summary of expenditure from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023			
Item	Actual	Budget	Variation
Salaries and wages	\$430,671	\$418,000	-\$12,671
Goods and services	\$79,073	\$126,000	\$46,927
Total Operating Result	\$509,744	\$544,000	\$34,256

Secretariat

In 2022-23 the Council was funded for a small secretariat of 2.8 FTE which continued to constrain the Council's ability to fulfil its statutory functions.

In 2022-23, the Council converted goods and services funding for a short-term, part-time officer to lead the Council's engagement with children and young people through the CAP and local government staff. Ms Penny Haltis commenced on 2 August 2022, however, unfortunately left in October 2022. Following an unsuccessful call for expressions of interest across government, the role description was revised and readvertised in early 2023. Ms Marianne Organ commenced as the Engagement Coordinator (ASO5, 0.6 FTE) on 4 April 2023.

Annex 1 Glossary

Act	<i>Children and Young People (Oversight and Advocacy Bodies) Act 2016</i>
ACYWA	Australian Child and Youth Wellbeing Atlas
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
CACYP	Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People
CAP	Charter Ambassador Program
CCYP	Commissioner for Children and Young People
CDSIRC	Child Death and Serious Injury Review Committee
Charter	Charter for Children and Young People
Council	Child Development Council
CTG	Closing the Gap
DHS	Department for Human Services
Education Department	Department for Education
ESB	Education Standards Board
Framework	Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People
FTE	Full-time equivalent
GCYP	Guardian for Children and Young People
LGA	Local Government Association
Minister	Minister for Education, Training and Skills
MOAA	Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement
NPY/APY	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara/Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
OAB	Oversight and advocacy bodies
ODA	Office of Data Analytics
OOHC	Out-of-home care
RC ECEC	Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care
SA	South Australia
'SA's 2022 Report Card' or 'report card'	<i>How are they faring? South Australia's 2022 Report Card for children and young people</i>
SEIFA	Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas
WBRC	Web-based report card
YACSA	Youth Affairs Council of South Australia

Annex 2 Legislation

Children and Young People (Oversight and Advocacy Bodies) Act 2016

Part 6, Division 1 – Child Development Council

55 – Functions and powers of Council

- (1) The primary function of the Council is to prepare and maintain the *Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People*.
- (2) The Council has the following additional functions:
 - (a) to advise and report to the Government on the effectiveness of the Outcomes Framework in –
 - (i) keeping children and young people safe from harm; and
 - (ii) ensuring that children and young people are cared for in a way that allows them to realise their potential; and
 - (iii) improving the physical and mental health, and the emotional wellbeing, of children and young people; and
 - (iv) improving the participation of children and young people in educational and vocational training; and
 - (v) improving the participation of children and young people in sporting, creative, cultural and other recreational activities; and
 - (vi) ensuring that children and young people are properly prepared for taking their position in society as responsible citizens; and
 - (vii) maintaining the cultural identity of children and young people;
 - (b) to promote the implementation of the Outcomes Framework in respect of matters affecting children and young people under the laws of the State;
 - (c) such other functions as may be assigned to the Council under this or any other Act or by the Minister.
- (3) In performing the functions under this section, the Council should, as far as is reasonably practicable, seek to work collaboratively with –
 - (a) State authorities and Commonwealth agencies that have functions that are relevant to those of the Council; and
 - (b) relevant industry, professional and community groups and organisations.
- (4) Subject to this Act, the Council has such powers as may be necessary or expedient for the performance of the Council's functions.

Part 6, Division 2 – Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People

57 – Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People

- (1) There is to be an *Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People*.
- (2) Without limiting any other matter that may be included in the Outcomes Framework, the Outcomes Framework must include a Charter for Children and Young People.
- (3) The Outcomes Framework is to be prepared by the Child Development Council.
- (4) The Council must, in preparing the Outcomes Framework –

- (a) act in accordance with any instructions of the Minister; and
 - (b) consult with –
 - (i) the CCYP and the CACYP; and
 - (ii) any other person or body prescribed by the regulations, and may consult with any other person or body that the Council thinks appropriate; and
 - (c) engage children and young people, and their parents, carers and families; and
 - (d) ensure an appropriate focus on the needs of priority population groups; and
 - (e) develop performance indicators against which progress in relation to the development and wellbeing of children and young people in the State can be tracked over time.
- (5) The regulations may make further provisions with regard to the Outcomes Framework including, without limiting the generality of this subsection, provisions relating to –
- (a) how the Outcomes Framework is to be prepared; and
 - (b) the form of the Outcomes Framework and any variation of the Outcomes Framework; and
 - (c) the kinds of information to be included in the Outcomes Framework; and
 - (d) consultation requirements relating to the Outcomes Framework; and
 - (e) consideration and approval of the Outcomes Framework by the Minister; and
 - (f) requirements as to the ongoing review of the Outcomes Framework; and
 - (g) variation or substitution of the Outcomes Framework, including provisions limiting a matter referred to in a preceding paragraph.
- (6) The Outcomes Framework, and any variation or substitution of the Outcomes Framework, has effect from the time it is approved by the Minister.
- (7) The Council must, on the Outcomes Framework or a variation of the Outcomes Framework being approved by the Minister –
- (a) cause the Outcomes Framework or variation to be published in the Gazette; and
 - (b) cause the Outcomes Framework to be published on a website determined by the Minister.

Children and Young People (Oversight and Advocacy Bodies) Regulations 2017

12—Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People

- (1) For the purposes of section 57(4)(b)(ii) of the Act, the following persons and bodies are prescribed:
- (a) the Minister to whom the administration of the Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 is committed;
 - (b) the Department (within the meaning of the Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017);
 - (c) the Minister to whom the administration of the Education Act 1972 is committed;
 - (d) the administrative unit of the Public Service assisting a Minister with the administration of the Education Act 1972;
 - (e) the Minister to whom the administration of the Health Care Act 2008 is committed;
 - (f) the administrative unit of the Public Service assisting a Minister with the administration of the Health Care Act 2008;
 - (g) the Guardian for Children and Young People.

- (2) Pursuant to section 57(5) of the Act, the Outcomes Framework must contain provisions of the following kinds:
 - (a) provisions designed to provide a common basis across the whole of government for creating strategies, setting objectives or developing or implementing policies related to or affecting children and young people;
 - (b) provisions addressing the needs of children and young people in each of the following areas:
 - (i) health;
 - (ii) safety;
 - (iii) wellbeing;
 - (iv) education;
 - (v) preparedness for adulthood;
 - (c) provisions requiring cooperation and, where appropriate, collaboration between State authorities and other persons or bodies performing functions and duties that relate to or affect children and young people;
 - (d) provisions designed to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in each of the areas referred to in paragraph (b), as well as any other areas particularly affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people;
 - (e) provisions designed to enable outcomes for children and young people in the State to be measured and reported on (including provisions requiring the collection of specified data relating to performance indicators referred to in section 57(4)(e) of the Act), and may contain such other provisions as the Council or Minister thinks fit.
- (3) Pursuant to section 57(5) of the Act, the Council must (in addition to the consultation required under section 57(4)(b) of the Act) undertake additional consultation in respect of the preparation of the Outcomes Framework as follows:
 - (a) consultation with such persons or bodies as may be specified by the Minister;
 - (b) such other consultation (including, without limiting the generality of this paragraph, community consultation) as may be required by the Minister.
- (4) Pursuant to section 57(5) of the Act, the Child Development Council may, with the approval of the Minister, vary or substitute the Outcomes Framework.
- (5) Subject to this regulation, in preparing a variation or substitution of the Outcomes Framework, the Council must undertake the following consultation:
 - (a) in the case of a variation determined by the Minister to be a minor variation—
 - (i) consultation with the Commissioner; and
 - (ii) such other consultation as may be required by the Minister;
 - (b) in any other case—the consultation required by section 57(4)(b) of the Act and subregulation (3) in the preparation of the Outcomes Framework.
- (6) Pursuant to section 57(5) of the Act, the Child Development Council must review the Outcomes Framework at least once in each 3 year period.