

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S
IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK**

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Question: Is DIAC in the process of drafting up any memorandum of understanding with the welfare agencies of states and territories in relation to the welfare of children?

Answer: The department is not actively negotiating any memoranda of understanding with state and territory jurisdictions in relation to the welfare of children.

However, the department is working with state and territory jurisdictions on a range of issues relating to the welfare of children and children's issues more broadly, including through various working groups under the *National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020*. In particular, the Community and Disability Services Ministers' Advisory Council has recently agreed to establish a sub-committee for the Commonwealth and state/territory jurisdictions to explore issues and policy reforms related to guardianship and unaccompanied humanitarian minors.