

Australian Capital Territory

Official Visitor (Children and Young People) Appointment 2021 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2021-249

made under the

Official Visitor Act 2012, s. 10(1)(a)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 10(1)(a) of the *Official Visitor Act 2012* (OV Act) authorises the Minister to appoint at least two official visitors, including one official visitor who is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, for the purposes of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*. The function of official visitors (OVs) is to work to protect human rights in different environments. OVs operate in ‘closed’ environments of youth and adult corrections and mental health and in ‘open’ environments including disability and homelessness services.

This instrument appoints Ms Vickie Quinn for the purposes of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*. Ms Quinn identifies as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person.

Tara Cheyne MLA is Minister responsible for the OV Act (as appointing Minister). Emma Davison MLA and Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA are responsible for the *Children and Young People Act 2008* (as Operational Ministers). Section 10(2) of the OV Act requires the appointing Minister to consult with the Operational Minister. The Operational Ministers have agreed to the appointment and are satisfied that Ms Quinn has suitable qualifications and experience to exercise the official visitor functions for the purposes of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.

Ms Quinn is not excluded from appointment as she is not a public employee as defined under the *Legislation Act 2001* and does not hold a relevant interest as defined under s. 10(3) of the OV Act.