

## **Co-located Officials Program:**

An update – How can they assist the Independent Children's Lawyer?

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# **Team Overview**





June 2020 – June 2025

Family Law Court Liaison Team

Child Protection: Co-located Officials aka

### Family Law Court Liaison Officers:

- Newcastle Registry Amanda Wimalasiri
- Parramatta Registry David Hall
- Sydney Registry Tanya Wilkins
- Wollongong Registry Jessica Toland
- Senior Project Officer Jean Fitzpatrick

# **Team Overview**



What we do:

• Short Form Orders (nationally)

> Person History Reports S 248

- > Requests for specific records S 248
- S 69ZW (NSW Pilot sites)
- ICL urgent requests\*
- Process Support to key stakeholders

What we support colleagues with:

• Magellans and S 91B

What we do not do: **Subpoenas** or **Casework** 



# Short Form Orders

Section 248 of the Children & Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998



- DCJ may share information with prescribed bodies where it relates to the safety, welfare and wellbeing of an identifiable child/Young Person or class of children
- Prescribed bodies are listed under the Care Act and Schedule 5 of the Care Regulations
- FCFCoA is a prescribed body under the Regulations
- DCJ can share information with and request information from the FCFCoA



## Request: Person History Report (PHR)

- Issued by: (Senior) Judicial Registrar, Associate, Judge
- Legislation: s248 Children and Young persons (Care and Protection) Act (NSW).
- Subject(s): One report for **each** child (under 18yo) subject to proceedings.

Benefits: Timing (2 hours – if required urgently)
2-4 page system generated document
Summarises DCJ materials held – available for s69ZW /s248
Guide attached to explain the records.

Prepared by: Family Law Court Liaison Officer

Issue Type

Assessment

Issue Type

Prenatal report

Prenatal report

Prenatal report

Prenatal report

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment

Safety Assessment

Violence

Abuse

Parental Risk Factor- Domestic

Parental Risk Factor- Substance

Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence

Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence





#### SENSITIVE INFORMATION

#### PERSON HISTORY REPORT FOR COURT

Section 248 Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998

To:	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
Registry:	Parramatta
Judge:	Deputy Registrar
Proceedings No:	PACXXXX/2023

Date of Report: July 12, 2023

Contact name: Family Law Court Liaison Officer

Contact details: FamilyLawCourtLiaisonTeam@dcj.nsw.gov.au

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Person Details Name: Child Name Gender: Female

Birthdate: 00/00/0000

Issues (Substantiated)

Indigenous Status: Aboriginal

Life Status: Alive

Country of Birth:

Start Date

05/07/2022

04/07/2022

Start Date

22/07/2022

21/07/2022

11/07/2022

Start Date

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05/07/2022

04/07/2022

Report.

Field Assessments

Issues (Not Substantiated)

#### SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Department of Communities & Justice - Person Summary Report

Record Type: Child/Young Person

Care Type: Not in care

Open Case: 12345678

Business Unit: Local CSC

Care Type Effective Date:

CYP Role

High

Safe

Assessment Outcome

Assessment

Field Assessment -Read Only

Field Assessment -Read Only

Field Assessment -Read Only

Field Assessment -

Field Assessment -

Field Assessment -

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Issue ID

ISS-4106306

ISS-4102762

Assessment ID

ASM-4779919

ASM-4779030

ASM-4769325

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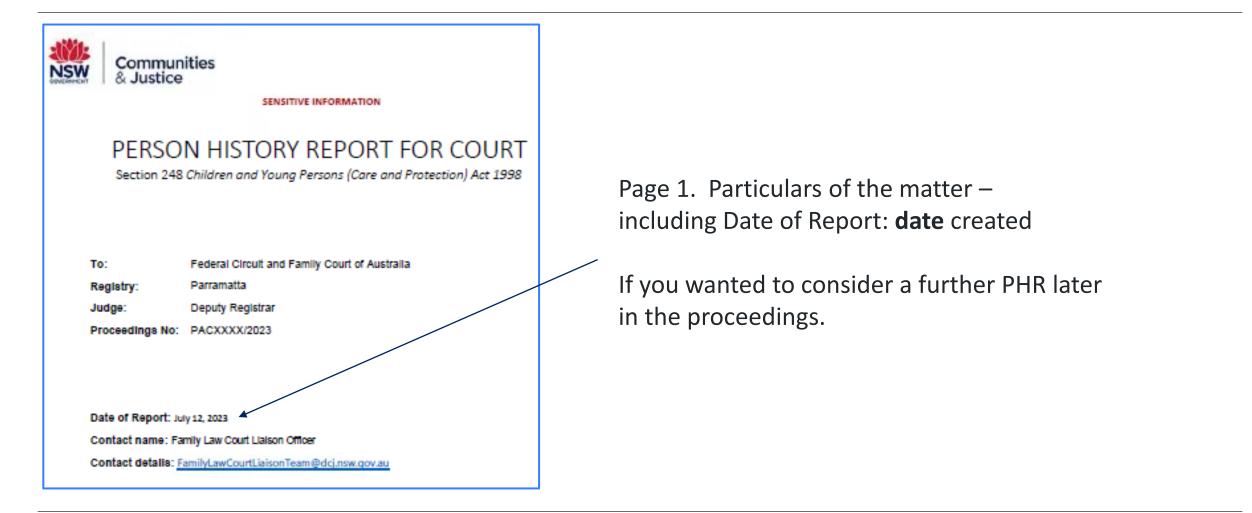


Start Date	Primary Assessed	Final Screening	Response Priority	Status	Assessment ID
	Issue	Result			
07/07/2023	PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM: Risk of significant psychological harm	SCREENED OUT - Non-ROSH		Approved	ASM-5137698
07/07/2023	PHYSICAL ABUSE: Dangerous Behaviour involving Child/Young person (not DV)	SCREENED IN - ROSH (duplicate)		Approved	ASM-5138344
06/07/2023	PHYSICAL ABUSE: Dangerous Behaviour involving Child/Young person (DV)	SCREENED IN - ROSH	<72 Hours	Approved	ASM-5137579
30/06/2023	PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM: C/YP has symptoms of significant psychological harm	SCREENED IN - ROSH	<72 Hours	Approved	ASM-5131398
05/07/2022	Prenatal report	SCREENED IN - ROSH	<72 Hours	Approved	ASM-4764315
05/07/2022	Prenatal report	SCREENED OUT - Non-ROSH		Approved	ASM-4764347
04/07/2022	Prenatal report	SCREENED IN - ROSH	<72 Hours	Approved	ASM-4762703

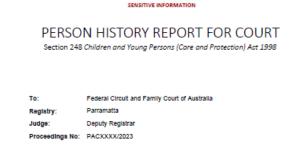
SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Engagement – Case History					
Start Date	End Date	Туре	Status	Business Unit	Case ID
07/07/2023			Active	Local CSC	12345678
06/07/2022	02/09/2022		Closed	Local CSC	87654321









Date of Report: July 12, 2023 Contact name: Family Law Court Liaison Officer Contact details: <u>FamilyLawCourtLiaisonTeam@dcj.nsw.gov.au</u>

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## erson History Report (PHR)



The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of definitions and processes related to the Person History Report provided by NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) from records held within ChildStory.

DCJ may only disclose information where the law permits the disclosure.<sup>1</sup> The Memorandum of Understanding between Family Courts and DCJ accepts that the welfare and protection of children and young people at risk is better secured by a free flow of relevant information between them, where permitted by law. Similarly, courts are in a better position to make appropriate orders if they are fully aware of proceedings in other jurisdictions<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 245D of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 ("the Care Act") holds that a prescribed body may request another prescribed body to provide the requesting agency with any information held by the other body that relates to the softex), welfare on well-being of a particular childr or young persons. Section 248 of the Care Act relates to the provision and exchange of information, allowing the Secretary to provide information to, or exchange information with, a prescribed body, for the purpose of exercising its functions. The Secretary may furnish a prescribed body with information relating to the softey, welfare and wellbeing of a particular child or young person. The Family Courts of Australia are a prescribed body for 5 245D and 248 of the Care Act.

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum of Understanding between Family Court of Australia and Department of Community Services (Former name for DCJ) – 7.1.3.



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SENSITIVE INFORMATION					
Helpline Asse	essments				
Start Date	Primary Assessed Issue	Final Screening Result	Response Priority	Status	Assessment ID
07/07/2023	PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM: Risk of significant psychological harm	SCREENED OUT - Non-ROSH		Approved	ASM-5137698
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05/07/2022	Prenatal report	SCREENED IN - ROSH	<72 Hours	Approved	ASM-4764315

Helpline\* Assessments:

• Date & Primary reported issue

A child or young person is at **risk of significant harm** (ROSH) if the circumstances that are causing concern for the safety, welfare or wellbeing of the child or young person are present to a significant extent.

'Significant extent' is defined as 'sufficiently serious to warrant a response by a statutory authority irrespective of a family's consent'.

[Screened In - ROSH]

Non-ROSH will not initiate an assessment. [Screened Out - Non-ROSH]



Communities & Justice SENSITIVE INFORMATION Department of Communities & Justice - Person Summary Report Prepared by: Family Law Court Liaison Officer Person Details Name: Child Name Gender: Female Record Type: Child/Young Person Care Type: Not in care Birthdate: 00/00/0000 Life Status: Alive **Care Type Effective Date** Country of Birth: Open Case: 12345678 Indigenous Status: Aboriginal Business Unit: Local CSC

Start Date	Issue Type	CYP Role	Issue ID
05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence		155-4106306
04/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Substance Abuse		155-4102762
Field Assessm	ents		
	Assessment	Assessment Outcome	Assessment ID
Start Date		Assessment Outcome High	Assessment ID ASM-4779919
Field Assessme Start Date 22/07/2022 21/07/2022	Assessment		Assessment ID ASM-4779919 ASM-4779030

Start Date	Issue Type	Assessment	Issue ID
05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106400
05/07/2022	Prenatal report	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106407
05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106406
05/07/2022	Prenatal report	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106401
05/07/2022	Prenatal report	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106307
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Person Details	
Name: Child Name	
Gender: Female	Record Type: Child/Young Person
Birthdate: 00/00/0000	Care Type: Not in care
Life Status: Alive	Care Type Effective Date:
Country of Birth:	Open Case: 12345678
Indigenous Status: Aboriginal	Business Unit: Local CSC

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Name: Child Name	
Gender: Female	Record Type: Child/Young Person
Birthdate: 00/00/0000	Care Type: Not in care
Life Status: Alive	Care Type Effective Date:
Country of Birth:	Open Case: 12345678
Indigenous Status: Aboriginal	Business Unit: Local CSC

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JCPRP: the Joint Child
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05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence		ISS-4106306
04/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Substance Abuse		155-4102762

2/07/2022	Risk Assessment	High	ASM-4779919
1/07/2022	Risk Assessment		ASM-4779030
1/07/2022	Safety Assessment	Safe	ASM-4769325
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Start Date	Issue Type	Assessment	Issue ID
05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106400
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05/07/2022	Prenatal report	Field Assessment - Read Only	ISS-4106307
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Person Details	
Name: Child Name	
Gender: Female	Record Type: Child/Young Person
Birthdate: 00/00/0000	Care Type: Not in care
Life Status: Alive	Care Type Effective Date:
Country of Birth:	Open Case: 12345678
Indigenous Status: Aboriginal	Business Unit: Local CSC

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If Business Unit is blank – there is no open case

See **Engagement – Case History** for all case activity.

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Engagement – Case History					
Start Date	End Date	Туре	Status	Business Unit	Case ID
07/07/2023			Active	Local CSC	12345678
06/07/2022	02/09/2022		Closed	Local CSC	87654321

## Short Form Orders: Person History Report **Case: Assessment Records**





SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Department of Communities & Justice – Person Summary Repor

Prepared by: Family Law Court Liaison Officer

Person Details		
Name: Child Name		
Gender: Female	Record Type: Child/Young Person	
Birthdate: 00/00/0000	Care Type: Not in care	
Life Status: Alive	Care Type Effective Date:	
Country of Birth:	Open Case: 12345678	
Indigenous Status: Aboriginal	Business Unit: Local CSC	

Issues (Substantiated

Start Date	Issue Type	CYP Role	Issue ID
05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence		155-4106306
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Start Date	Assessment	Assessment Outcome	Assessment ID
22/07/2022	Risk Assessment	High	ASM-4779919
21/07/2022	Risk Assessment		ASM-4779030
11/07/2022	Safety Assessment	Safe	ASM-4769325

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05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106400
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Field Assessments			
Start Date	Assessment	Assessment Outcome	Assessment ID
16/06/2021	Alternate Assessment	Safe	ASM-4383568
09/01/2019	Risk Assessment	High	ASM-3460050
19/12/2018	Safety Assessment	Safe	ASM-3445220

### **Field Assessments**

- Safety Assessment Safe, Safe with Plan, Unsafe
- **Risk Assessment**
- Risk Re-Assessment •
- Alternate Assessments •

#### Outcome

- Low, Moderate, High or Very High
- Low, Moderate, High or Very High
- Safe, Unsafe

## SARA – Safety Assessment / Risk Assessment

## Short Form Orders: Person History Report Case: Assessment Records





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SENSITIVE INFORMATION

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Prepared by: Family Law Court Liaison Officer

Person Details		
Name: Child Name		
Gender: Female	Record Type: Child/Young Person	
Birthdate: 00/00/0000	Care Type: Not in care	
Life Status: Alive	Care Type Effective Date:	
Country of Birth:	Open Case: 12345678	
Indigenous Status: Aboriginal	Business Unit: Local CSC	

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### Field Assessments All Assessments after Dec 2017

### Legacy – Assessments for records prior to Dec 2017

Legacy – Assessments						
Start Date	Assessment Type	Assessment Outcome	Status	Assessment ID		
20/12/2016	Field Assessment - Read Only	Assessment Proceeded	Completed	ASM-181427		
16/12/2016	Helpline Assessment	SCREENED IN - ROSH	Approved	ASM-2408441		



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Field Assessment

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04/07/2022

Prenatal report

**Issues (Substantiated)** are the reported risk issues generated at the Helpline or during the field assessment, that were substantiated as a result of an assessment being undertaken.

Issues (Substantiated)				
Start Date	Issue Type	CYP Role	Issue ID	
05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence		ISS-4106306	

**Issues (Not Substantiated)** are the reported risk issues generated at the Helpline or during the field assessment, that were not substantiated.

This will include reported issues – if they were not assessed.

Issues (Not Substantiated)						
Start Date	Issue Type	Assessment	Issue ID			
05/08/2018	NEGLECT: Medical/Mental health neglect	Field Assessment - Read Only	ISS-1007898			



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	Department of Communities & Just	ice – Person Summary Repo	ort	care type Encentre Date: [Dian
Prepared by: Far	nily Law Court Liaison Officer			
Person Details				
Name: Child N	ame			
Gender: Female	Record T	ype: Child/Young Person		
Birthdate: 00/0		e: Not in care		
Life Status: Aliv		e Effective Date:		
Country of Birt		e: 12345678		
Indigenous Sta	tus: Aborginal Business	Unit: Local CSC		
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Start Date	Issue Type	CYP Role	Issue ID
05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence		155-4106306
04/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Substance Abuse		155-4102762
Field Assessme	ents		
Start Date	Assessment	Assessment Outcome	Assessment ID
22/07/2022	Risk Assessment	High	ASM-4779919

Safe

ASM-4779030

ASM-4769325

21/07/2022

11/07/2022

**Risk Assessment** 

Safety Assessment

Start Date	Issue Type	Assessment	Issue ID
05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106400
05/07/2022	Prenatal report	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106407
05/07/2022	Parental Risk Factor- Domestic Violence	Field Assessment - Read Only	ISS-4106406
05/07/2022	Prenatal report	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106401
05/07/2022	Prenatal report	Field Assessment - Read Only	155-4106307
04/07/2022	Prenatal report	Field Assessment - Read Only	ISS-4102763

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Care Type Effective Date: [Blank]

**Care Type:** Voluntary Care, Supported Care, Statutory Care, Guardianship, Care of Secretary, After Care or Adoption.

See sections: Orders and Remove/ Assume/Medical

Orders				
Start Date	End Date	Order	Status	Order ID
23/09/2020	03/11/2020	Care order - Parental Responsibility (other than Guardianship) - s79(1)	Expired	ORT - 842646
09/09/2020	23/09/2020	Care Order - Emergency Care and Protection Order S46(1)	Expired	ORT - 842643

Remove/Assume/Medical Orders					
Start Date	Order Type	Status	Order ID		
12/06/2015	Remove/Assume/Medical	Expired	ORT - 26623		
04/05/2015	Remove/Assume/Medical	Expired	ORT - 26624		



## Request:S248 Specific Records/Information

- Issued by: (Senior) Judicial Registrar, Associate, Judge
- Legislation: s248 Children and Young persons (Care and Protection) Act (NSW).
- Subject(s): Any child (under 18yo) subject to proceedings.
- Benefits: Specific Records nominated ie
  - assessments Jan 2023 Present,
  - report dated X, or
  - use **the ID number** of the record from the Person History Report. Timing (within 5 days if required urgently)

## Short Form Orders: s248 Records



	SENSITIVE INFORMATION							
Helpline Assessments								
Start Date	Primary Assessed Issue	Final Screening Result	Response Priority	Status	Assessment ID			
07/07/2023	PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM: Risk of significant psychological harm	SCREENED OUT - Non-ROSH		Approved	ASM-5137698			
07/07/2023	PHYSICAL ABUSE: Dangerous Behaviour involving Child/Young person (not DV)	SCREENED IN - ROSH (duplicate)		Approved	ASM-5138344			

**ID numbers** throughout Person History Report can be used to identify records you are seeking.

Field Assessments						
Start Date	Assessment	Assessment Outcome	Assessment ID			
16/06/2021	Alternate Assessment	Safe	ASM-4383568			
09/01/2019	Risk Assessment	High	ASM-3460050			



# Section 69ZW



An order requiring DCJ to provide specific documents or information relating to child abuse or family violence to the Court:

- 1. Any **notifications** to DCJ of suspected abuse of a child to whom the proceedings relate or of suspected family violence affecting the child.
- 2. Any **assessments** by DCJ of investigations into a notification of that kind or the findings or outcomes of those investigations.
- 3. Any **reports** commissioned by DCJ in the course of investigating a notification (i.e. a report prepared by an external agency on parenting capacity).





#### Matter of: SMITH & SMITH Court ref: SYC0000/2023

#### Section 69ZW index

Page Number	Date of Document	Category of Document	Outcome/Details (optional)	
1	2 January 2023	Helpline Assessment	Screened out: Non-ROSH	
			Report closed at the Helpline	
5	10 January 2023	Helpline Assessment	Screened in: <72hrs ROSH report	
			Transferred to St George CSC	
10	11 January 2023	Triage Record	Report closed – no assistance provided	
14	4 February 2023	Helpline Assessment	Screened in: <24hrs ROSH report	
			Transferred to St George CSC	
20	5 February 2023	Triage Record	Allocated at St George CSC	
23	5 February 2023	Pre-Assessment Consultation	N/A	
26	6 February 2023	Interview Record	Interview with mother	
36	7 February 2023	Interview Record	Interview with father	
37	7 February 2023	Interview Record	Interview with the children	
45	7 February 2023	Assessment Consultation	N/A	
48	7 February 2023	Safety Assessment	Safe with Plan with signed Safety Plan	
56	10 February 2023	Home Visit Record	Home visit to the mother's residence	
61	11 February 2023	Home Visit Record	Home visit to the father's residence	
65	11 February 2023	Safety Review Assessment	Safe	
75	1 March 2023	Home Visit Record	Home visit to the mother's residence	
80	10 March 2023	Home Visit Record	Home visit to the father's residence	
85	15 March 2023	Risk Assessment	High risk of experiencing abuse/neglect in the next 12-18 months	
97	15 March 2023	Judgment & Outcomes	Reported issue substantiated:	
			<ul> <li>Parental risk factor: domestic violence</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>Parental risk factor: substance abuse</li> </ul>	
111	4 April 2023	Risk Re-Assessment	Outcome: Moderate	
121	6 April 2023	Case Closure Letters	Case Closure letters addressed to the parents	
123	8 April 2023	Case Closure Record	Case closed: 8 April 2023	
			Reason: Plan goal achieved	

- Cover letter (provided in all matters)
- Index (optional provided if actioned by FLCL Team)
- Bundle with redactions completed
- Submitted to the FCFCOA directly
- Issuing s69ZW: Consider limited scope or maximum timeframe or hybrid s69ZW & s248 (specific record) Further s69ZW
- Capacity of FLCL Team Limitations
   Excess s69ZWs from Pilot sites are reallocated
   within our District / External Legal
- s69ZW response FCFCOA follow up matters Pilot: <u>FamilyLawCourtLiaisonTeam@dcj.nsw.gov.au</u>
   Non-Pilot: FACSLegalChildProtection@facs.nsw.gov.au



# ICL Support

## ICL Communication with DCJ



- ICL appointed notifies Legal Child Protection <u>FACSLegalChildProtection@facs.nsw.gov.au</u>
- DCJ Legal advises ICL of DCJ Legal officer for future communication.
- FLCL Team 'urgent' support: <u>FamilyLawCourtLiaisonTeam@dcj.nsw.gov.au</u>
  - > ICL evidences communication attempts with Legal Child Protection (and)
  - > ICL identifies an urgent request; due before court that day or the next working day
  - > FLCL Team will communicate within DCJ ie Legal Officer to expedite your request
  - FLCL Team support is limited to providing support under the above conditions sharing content that would be provided in a Person History Report



# Q&A

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Paramatta Office, Legal Aid NSW





## **Section** 248

#### **Child Protection** Concerns -FEDERAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Child Protection	OFFICE USE	
_	File number	
Concerns –	File name	
Request for information	Date received	
Request for information		

Section 121 of the Family Law Act 1975 ( the Act) provides that it is an offence to publish or disseminate to the public any account of family law proceedings which identifies the parties, witnesses or other people concerned with the proceedings unless permitted by the Act or Court order. The dissemination of certain documents to prescribed authorities of States and Territories with responsibilities relating to the welfare of children, is one of the specific exemptions provided for in subsection 121 (9)(aa).

Note: There may also be agreements for information sharing between the Courts and State or Territory child welfare authorities which outline arrangements in a particular locality.

Agency/Person details (this information must be provided)							
Agency name Position held in Agency	NSW Department of Communities and Justice						
Your details							
Given name	Lucy						
Surname	Clancy						
Phone number	0499 881 145						
Email	lucy.clancy@facs.nsw.qov.au						
Purpose							
You are required to briefly state w	hy the information is required.						
Information being requested							
Court file number (If known) Court file name (If known)							
Details of current proceedings - orders sought , next hearing date or other (please specify)							
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Copy of affidavit material in violence or risk) dated							
Copy of orders dated	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>						
Other (please provide detail	s)						
Electronic copy of any mate	rial filed by the parties and orders made						

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Darwin Darwin@fcfcoa.gov.		au Townsville		Townsville@fcfcoa.gov.au			
Hobart Hobart@fcfcoa.gov.a		au	We	ollongong	Wollongong@fcfcos.gov.au		
Launceston Launceston@fcfcca.gov.au							
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