

# Ministerial Diary Disclosure Form

Ministerial Code of Conduct, s 5.3

Victorian Government

This form is to be used by ministers for quarterly ministerial diary summaries made in accordance with s 5.3 of the Ministerial Code of Code (Ministerial Code), which requires that:

'Ministers must publish summaries from their diaries on a quarterly basis, detailing scheduled meetings with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists, Government Affairs Directors, and external individuals.

Summaries should disclose the meeting date, company or organisation with whom the meeting occurred, meeting attendees, including registered lobbyist details (where applicable), purpose of the meeting and any other additional information required by the Premier.'

Ministerial diary summaries must be **attached** to this form and provided to the Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet within 7 calendar days of the end of each quarter. All diary summaries will be published on the Victorian Government website in accordance with the Ministerial Code.

## Instructions for completing this form

Complete the details below. Further information on the publication of ministerial diaries, including identifying meetings in scope for disclosure, privacy notices to attendees, and preparation of diary summaries can be found in the Publication of Ministerial Diaries Guidance and Ministerial Office Process Guide.

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## Declaration

Quarterly disclosure period: 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

Minister name: Lizzie Blandthorn \_\_\_\_\_

Ministerial portfolio(s): Children and Disability \_\_\_\_\_

### Declaration:

**I declare that the information provided in the attached summary of my Ministerial diary is true, accurate and complies with my obligations under the Ministerial Code of Conduct at the date of signature.**

Signature of Minister: L. Blandthorn Date: 13.1.26

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**Minister: Hon Lizzie Blandthorn**

**Portfolio/s: Children | Disability**

Subject	Start Date	Description
Early Childhood Intervention Australia	7/10/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Sally Moore, CEO, Early Childhood Intervention Australia Karen Dimmock, CEO, Association for Children with Disability Sarah Fordyce, State Manager Victoria, National Disability Services</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Mickleham Primary School, Kinder on School Site	8/10/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Hon Ros Spence MP, Member for Kalkallo Julie Le Guen, Principal, Mickleham Primary School Danielle Schroeders, Leading Teacher, Acting AP, Mickleham Primary School Erin Donnelly, Learning Specialist, Acting AP, Mickleham Primary School James Highgate, Acting Learning Specialist, Mickleham Primary School Jarrod Petersen, Acting Learning Specialist, Mickleham Primary School Kim Milton, School Council President, Mickleham Primary School Melissa Sgro, Early Childhood Improvement Branch Manager, Hume Meri-Bek Area, Department of Education Jonathan Lowe, Executive Director, Hume Meri-Bek Area Ashlee Tamplin, Communications Adviser, Victorian School Building Authority</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Newbury Child and Community Centre, Multicultural Storytime	8/10/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Hon Ros Spence MP, Member for Kalkallo Maree Raftis, Executive Director, VICSEG New Futures Caspar Zika, General Manager, VICSEG New Futures Harpreet Kaur, Group Facilitator Jeanette Houranum Northern Programs Manager, VICSEG New Futures Lucy Stone, MCH Coordinator, Hume City Council Shannan Mudie, Acting Manager Family, Youth and Children, Hume City Council</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>

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Newbury Child and Community Centre, Maternal and Child Health Team	8/10/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Hon Ros Spence MP, Member for Kalkallo</p>
		<p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Highlander Community Centre	8/10/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Hon Ros Spence MP, Member for Kalkallo Cr Jarrod Bell, Mayor Hume City Council</p>
		<p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Wirrigirri Primary School, Kinder on School Site	9/10/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Member for Mill Park Amelia Ryan, Manager Children and Families, City of Whittlesea Nancy Howe, Unit Manager Early Years Services &amp; Inclusion, City of Whittlesea Nicole Wiseman, Unit Manager Service Planning and Infrastructure, City of Whittlesea Grace Gallicchio, Kindergarten Services Coordinator, City of Whittlesea Joanne Marshall, A/Executive Director, Department of Education</p>
		<p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
The Lakes South Morang, Kinder on School Site	9/10/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Member for Mill Park Bill Panas, Principal, The Lakes South Morang College, Peter Brown, Principal Architect, BSPN Architecture Nick Mei, Project Manager, Hutchinson Builders Harris Anamourlis, Site Supervisor, Hutchinson Builders Joanne Marshall, A/Executive Director, Department of Education</p>
		<p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Kinship Carers Lunch	9/10/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Benita De Vincentiis, Deputy Chief of Staff to Minister Blandthorn</p>

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Anne McLeish, Director, Kinship Carers Victoria  
Fleur Ward, Special Counsel Accredited Specialist, Coulter Legal  
Helen Brown, Board Chair, Kinship Carers Victoria and Grandparents Victoria  
Carole Cheng, Deputy Chair, Kinship Carers Victoria and Grandparents Victoria

**Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Hon Blair Boyer MP | Hon Courtney Houssos MLC 16/10/2025

**Attendees**

Hon Courtney Houssos MLC, Minister for Finance, Acting Minister for Education (NSW)  
Hon Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills (SA)  
Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn

**Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Education Ministers Meeting 17/10/2025

**Attendees**

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
<https://www.education.gov.au/education-ministers-meeting/education-ministers-meeting-members>

**Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Association for Children With A Disability 18/10/2025

**Attendees**

Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Karen Dimmock, CEO, Association for Children With A Disability

**Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to disability

Aboriginal Children's Forum 22/10/2025

**Attendees**

Peta McCammon PSM, Secretary, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Tony Bates PSM, Secretary, Department of Education  
Dallas Widdicombe, CEO, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative  
Meena Singh, Acting Principal Commissioner, and Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People,  
Sue Kelsall, Facilitator, Rapid Impact  
Muriel Bamblett, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Child & Community Agency  
Annette Lancy, Deputy Secretary, Children & Families Division, Department Families, Fairness and Housing  
Jason Kanoa, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People's Alliance  
Jenny Atta PSM, Secretary of the Department of Health  
Benita De Vincentiis, Deputy Chief of Staff to Minister Blandthorn

**Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

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**Portfolio/s: Children | Disability**

Wiyal Primary School, Kinder on School Site

23/10/2025

### **Attendees**

Natalie Hutchins MP, Member for Sydenham  
Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Paris Spencer, Principal, Wiyal Primary School  
Chris Gough, Senior Project Officer, Victorian School Building Authority

### **Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Deanside Community Centre and Neighborhood House

23/10/2025

### **Attendees**

Natalie Hutchins MP, Member for Sydenham  
Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn

### **Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Centre of Excellence In Child and Family Welfare-  
(Farewell event)

27/10/2025

### **Attendees**

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Deb Tsorbaris, CEO, Centre for Excellence In Child Welfare

### **Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Community Services Ministers' Meeting

31/10/2025

### **Attendees**

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Annette Lancy, Deputy Secretary, Children & Families Division, Department Families, Fairness and Housing  
<https://www.dss.gov.au/who-we-are/our-ministers>

### **Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Safe and Supported Shared Decision Making  
Committee

31/10/2025

### **Attendees**

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Annette Lancy, Deputy Secretary, Children & Families Division, Department Families, Fairness and Housing  
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### **Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

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Marrungi Wayaparra Kindergarten

2/11/2025

### **Attendees**

Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Maree Edwards MP, Member for Bendigo West  
Andrew Cooney, CEO, City of Greater Bendigo Council  
Amy Holmes, Manager Community Partnerships, City of Greater Bendigo Council  
Jo Connellan, Coordinator Community Connections, City of Greater Bendigo Council  
Joanna Gibson, Community Connections Officer, City of Greater Bendigo Council  
Russell McLean, Senior Project Officer, City of Greater Bendigo Council  
Carly Middleton, General Manager, Y Kinders  
Kristy Turner, Area Director, Y Kinders  
Rachel Uaisele, Practice Manager, Y Kinders  
Anne Cunniff, Executive Director, Loddon-Campaspe Area, Department of Education

### **Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

St Peter's Catholic Primary School and Kinder

5/11/2025

### **Attendees**

Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Maree Edwards MP, Member for Bendigo West  
Leah Wales, Enrolment Officer, Sandhurst Catholic Early Childhood Education & Care  
Kate Fogarty, Executive Director, Catholic Education Sandhurst  
Ashley Marsh, Assistant Director, School Improvement and Safeguarding, Catholic Education Sandhurst  
Jenni Kennedy, CES Marketing and Communications Manager, Catholic Education Sandhurst  
Colin Wellard, Capital Planning and Infrastructure Lead, Catholic Education Sandhurst  
Carla Jeffrey, Early Childhood Officer, Catholic Education Sandhurst  
Jessie Mackin, Executive Assistant, Catholic Education Sandhurst  
Anthony Butts, Principal, St Anne's College Kialla  
Janine Wilkinson, Principal, St Francis Assisi School Wodonga  
Paul Wilkinson, Principal, St Thomas Aquinas School Huntly  
Jeremy Darmody, Principal, St Peter's School North Bendigo  
Anne Cunniff, Executive Director, Childhood Improvement Branch, Loddon-Campaspe Area, Department of Education

### **Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Brunswick Early Years Hub

6/11/2025

### **Attendees**

Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Cr Helen Davidson, Mayor, Merri-Bek City Council  
Eamonn Fennessey, CEO, Merri-Bek City Council  
Barry Hahn, Manager Early Years and Youth, Merri-Bek City Council  
Amy Carson, Unit Manager Children's Services, Merri-Bek City Council  
Adela Amati, Director, Moreland Community Child Care Centre's

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Victorian Disability Advisory Council	6/11/2025	<b>Attendees</b> Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-advisory-council">https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-advisory-council</a>
		<b>Purpose of meeting</b> Portfolio matter relating to disability
Disability Ministers Meeting	6/11/2025	<b>Attendees</b> Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Hon Suzanne Orr MLA, Minister for Disability, ACT Hon Kate Washington MP, Minister for Disability, NSW Hon Hannah Beazley BA MLA, Minister for Disability Services, WA Hon Joanne Palmer MP, Minister for Disability Services, TAS Hon Jinson Charls MP, Minister for Disability, NT Hon Nat Cook MP, Minister for Disability SA Hon Amanda Camm MP, Minister for Disability Services, QLD
		<b>Purpose of meeting</b> Portfolio matter relating to disability
Disability Reform Ministerial Council Meeting	7/11/2025	<b>Attendees</b> Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/committees-and-groups/disability-reform-ministerial-council?language=en">https://www.health.gov.au/committees-and-groups/disability-reform-ministerial-council?language=en</a>
		<b>Purpose of meeting</b> Portfolio matter relating to disability
Victorian Council of Social Services Community Sector Education Forum	13/11/2025	<b>Attendees</b> Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn The Hon Ben Carroll MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Education Juanita Pope, CEO, Victorian Council of Social Services Tony Bates PSM, Secretary, Department of Education
		<b>Purpose of meeting</b> Portfolio matter relating to children

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Australian Services Union Australian Education Union Health and Community Services Union United Workers Union Victorian Trades Hall Council	19/11/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Zoe Edwards, Deputy Branch Secretary, Australian Services Union Luke Cherry, Lead Organiser, Australian Services Union Briley Stokes, Deputy President, Australian Education Union April Zahra, Australian Education Union Paul Healy, State Secretary, Health and Community Services Union Stephanie Thuesen, Projects and Political officer, Health and Community Services Union Rebecca Sprekos, Assistant State Secretary, Health and Community Services Union Ffion Evans, National Coordinator for Early Childhood and Education, United Workers Union Naomi Brooks, United Workers Union Danae Bosler, Assistant Secretary, Victorian Trades Hall Council</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children and disability</p>
What Family Means to You Art Exhibition	20/11/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Murrundindi, Elder and Head Man of the Wurundjeri Tribe Jamie Crosby, CEO, Families Australia Michele Lonsdale, Interim CEO, Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare Imogen, Gerraty, Executive Manager - Strategy, partnerships and Engagement, Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare Paul McDonald, CEO, Anglicare</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Victorian Trades Hall Council Australian Services Union United Workers Union Health and Community Services Union Australian Education Union	24/11/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Danae Bosler, Assistant Secretary, Victorian Trades Hall Council Luke Cherry, Lead Organiser, Australian Services Union Ffion Evans, National Coordinator for Early Childhood and Education, United Workers Union Stephanie Thuesen, Projects and Political officer, Health and Community Services Union Paul Healy, State Secretary, Health and Community Services Union April Zahra, Australian Education Union Briley Stokes, Deputy President, Australian Education Union Karen Douglas, Union Organiser, Australian Services Union</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children and disability</p>

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Federation of Community Legal Centres	26/11/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Charlotte Jones, CEO Mental Health Legal Centre Inc. Laura Brennan, First Step Legal</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc.	26/11/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn Julie Phillips, CEO, Disability Discrimination Legal Service Ally Scott, Executive Officer, Disability Rights &amp; Culture Sandy Ross, CEO, Rights Information and Advocacy Centre Geoff Southwell, CEO, Victorian Disability Advocacy Agency Leadership Plus Philip Waters, General Manager, Deaf Victoria Nicole Maher, Interpreter, Victorian Deaf Society Saumya Kaushik, Policy Research Lead, Women With Disabilities Victoria</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to disability</p>
Victorian Disability Advisory Council	4/12/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-advisory-council#current-vdac-members">https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-advisory-council#current-vdac-members</a></p> <p>Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children and disability</p>
Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency	9/12/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Benita De Vincentiis, Deputy Chief of Staff to Minister Blandthorn Muriel Bamblett, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency Nancy Riviello, Executive Director, Client Services and Strategy, Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency Shantai Crosisdale, Director of Client Practice and Evidence Development, Victorian Aboriginal Child and Community Agency</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
State Trustees Ltd	9/12/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Jenny Acton, Chair State Trustees Limited Melissa Reynolds, CEO State Trustees Limited Advisor, Office of Minister Blandthorn</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p>

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Ministerial Youth Advisory Group	12/12/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Benita De Vincentiis, Deputy Chief of Staff The Hon. Minister Ben Carroll MP , Deputy Premier, Minister for Education Advisor, Office of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Stephen Fraser , Deputy Secretary, School Education Programs and Support, Department of Education Claire Tobin , Executive Director, Wellbeing, Health and Engagement, Department of Education Jane Sweeney, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Nathan Fenelon, Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Kimera Morgan, Counsellor Drummond Street</p>
Minister for Children, Young People and the Promise Scotland	15/12/2025	<p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p> <p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Natalie Don-Inness MSP, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise - Scotland David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office</p>
Director for Children and Families, Scotland	15/12/2025	<p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p> <p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Andrew Watson, Director for Children and Families - Scotland David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office</p>
Bairns Hoose Unit, Scotland	15/12/2025	<p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p> <p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Andrew Baird, Senior Policy Lead, Bairns' Hoose Unit- Scotland David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office</p>

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The Promise, Scotland	15/12/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Fiona Duncan, Chair and Independent Strategic Advisor, The Promise Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Care Inspectorate Scotland	16/12/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Jackie Irvine, CEO for the Care Inspectorate Scotland Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Professor Alexis Jay CBE, the Independent Chair, Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection	16/12/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Professor Alexis Jay CBE, the Independent Chair, Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Australian Ambassador to Ireland	17/12/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Chantelle Taylor, Australian Ambassador to Ireland David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>
Ireland's Child and Family Agency (Tusla)	17/12/2025	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn Ger Brophy, Chief Social Worker of Ireland's Child and Family Agency David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office</p> <p><b>Purpose of meeting</b></p> <p>Portfolio matter relating to children</p>

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Department of Children, Disability and Equality, Ireland 17/12/2025

### Attendees

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Kevin McCarthy, Secretary General of the Department of Children, Disability and Equality  
David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Chantelle Taylor, Australian Ambassador to Ireland  
Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office

### Purpose of meeting

Portfolio matter relating to children

National Youth Assembly, Ireland

17/12/2025

### Attendees

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Stephanie Cook, National Youth Assembly, Department of Children, Disability and Equality  
Representatives of the National Youth Assembly, Ireland  
David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office

### Purpose of meeting

Portfolio matter relating to children

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Ireland

17/12/2025

### Attendees

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Norma Foley TD, Minister for Children, Disability and Equality  
Chantelle Taylor, Australian Ambassador to Ireland  
Ambassador's staffer

### Purpose of meeting

Portfolio matter relating to children

Young Ireland Advisory Council

17/12/2025

### Attendees

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Koulla Yiasouma, Chair of the Young Ireland Advisory Council  
David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office

### Purpose of meeting

Portfolio matter relating to children

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Children and Families

18/12/2025

### Attendees

Josh MacAllister MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Children and Families, UK  
Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn

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David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Tim Dillon, Agent General to United Kingdom, Commissioner, to Europe and Israel

**Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Foundations, United Kingdom

18/12/2025

**Attendees**

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Dr Jo Casebourne, CEO of Foundations, UK  
David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Tim Dillon, Agent General to United Kingdom, Commissioner, to Europe and Israel,

**Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers,  
United Kingdom

19/12/2025

**Attendees**

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Mark Riddell MBE, National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers  
David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Tim Dillon, Agent General to United Kingdom, Commissioner, to Europe and Israel  
Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office

**Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Care Leaver Policy Unit, Care Leaver Ministerial Board,  
United Kingdom

19/12/2025

**Attendees**

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Shannen Grant, Team Leader, Care Leaver Policy Unit, Care Leaver Ministerial Board  
David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Mark Riddell MBE, National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers  
Tim Dillon, Agent General to United Kingdom, Commissioner, to Europe and Israel  
Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office

**Purpose of meeting**

Portfolio matter relating to children

Head of Care Leaver Policy Unit, United Kingdom

19/12/2025

**Attendees**

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Thomasin Freeman, Team Leader, Care Leaver Policy Unit, Local Offer  
Fiona Erol, Team Leader, Care Leaver Policy Unit, Local Offer  
Mark Riddell MBE, National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers  
Tim Dillon, Agent General to United Kingdom, Commissioner, to Europe and Israel  
Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office

**Purpose of meeting**

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Portfolio matter relating to children

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, United Kingdom

19/12/2025

### **Attendees**

Paul Frayne, Chief of Staff, Office of Minister Blandthorn  
Sir David Holmes CBE, Chair of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel  
David Atkinson, Executive Director, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing  
Venushka Gammampil, Strategic Advisor, to the United Kingdom, Europe and Israel, Victorian Government Trade and Investment Office

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Portfolio matter relating to children

London Compact, Participation Element, United Kingdom

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