

Decisions sought from the Ministerial Committee on Poverty on a child poverty experts group convened by the Children's Commissioner

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1. The Children's Commissioner, Russell Wills, is convening an independent experts group to try to get agreement on what could usefully be done about child poverty. This will be a technical discussion, designed to bring a wide range of view to the table. The Children's Commissioner has secured support for the experts group from Victoria University's School of Government.
2. The Children's Commissioner intends this work to be a complementary process to the White Paper for vulnerable children. He is also keen to make his group's findings available to the Ministerial Committee on Poverty.
[Withheld under s.9(2)(f)(iv)]
3. The experts group will start meeting shortly. The Children's Commissioner's broad plan is for the group to produce an issues and options paper around August 2012, with a final report in December 2012. This timeframe is open to discussion, however.

4. [Withheld under s.9(2)(f)(iv)]

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