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**A Bill for an Act to create an Early Childhood Guarantee and for
related purposes.**

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Part 1 – Preliminary

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2 **1. Short title**

3 This Act may be cited as the *Thrive by Five Early Childhood*
4 *Guarantee Act 2024*.

5 **2. Commencement**

6 Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table
7 commences or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with
8 column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has
9 effect according to its terms.

10 **3. The Dictionary**

11 In this Act -

12 *Australian law* means a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a
13 Territory.

14 *Commission* means the Australian Early Childhood
15 Development Commission.

16 *Commission CEO* means the Chief Executive Officer of the
17 Australian Early Childhood Development Commission.

18 In this Act *Early Childhood Development* means early
19 childhood services and family benefits provided specifically to
20 young children and families, including but not limited to early
21 childhood education and care (including long day care, family
22 day care, out-of-school hours care, preschool), maternal and
23 child health, paid parental leave and other services that may
24 exist within communities, such as playgroups and First Nations
25 services.

26 *Family benefits* means financial benefits or entitlements
27 including but not limited to Paid Parental Leave and Family Tax
28 Benefits.

29 *Integrated* means services are delivered in a way that together
30 they form a cohesive system that can be easily accessed by

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1 families. This can include but is not limited to being delivered
2 from one location, common referral processes and data sharing
3 [when permissible]; and links to relevant other services, such as
4 Social and Community Services Allied Health Services, Family
5 Support Services, and the National Disability Insurance
6 Scheme.

7 **Member** means a member of the Commission (including the
8 Chair and the CEO).

9 **Minister** means the Minister of the Commonwealth responsible
10 for education.

11 **Minister for Education** means a Minister of a State or Territory
12 responsible for education or early childhood development.

13 **Early Childhood Services** means programs and services for
14 children of their families from pre-birth to 5 years of age that
15 address, health, development and, learning. These services
16 include but are not limited to Child and Maternal Health
17 services, early childhood education and care services,
18 playgroups and child focussed community programs.

19 **Territory** means the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern
20 Territory.

21 **Thrive by Five Guarantee** has the meaning given by section 7.

22 **Thrive by Five Principles** means the principles listed in
23 Schedule 1 to this Act.

24 **Universal** means making services and family benefits accessible
25 to all children and families.

26 **4. Objects of this Act**

27 The objects of this Act are:

- 28 (a) to establish the Thrive by Five Early Childhood
29 Guarantee;
- 30 (b) to establish the Australian Early Childhood
31 Development Commission as part of a coordinated
32 national approach to policy setting, governance and

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- 1 management of an early childhood development
2 framework, including the implementation and delivery
3 of the Thrive by Five Early Childhood Guarantee;
- 4 (c) to detail the implementation of the Commission,
5 including by identifying the Commission's powers; and
- 6 (d) to set out the functions of the Commission.

7 **5. Act binds the Crown**

8 The Act binds the Crown in each of its capacities.

9 **6. Simplified outline of this Act**
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- This Act creates a guarantee to early childhood services and family benefits for all children and their families in Australia.
- This Act creates a body called the Australian Early Childhood Development Commission to create a universal, high quality early childhood development system in Australia.
- The Commission mainly consists of members who represent the Commonwealth, the States and the Territories (see section 12).
- The Commission has various functions relating to early childhood development and related matters. These functions include the co-ordination of a national approach to early childhood development, providing advice about implementing a high-quality early childhood development system, monitoring early childhood education and care standards, and developing and facilitating models to ensure that all young children and families across Australia have access to early childhood services in accordance with the guarantee.
- The Commission has a CEO who is responsible for its administration and for assisting it to perform its functions. It is also assisted by its staff, its committees and others.

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1 **Part 2 – Thrive by Five Early Childhood Guarantee**

2 **7. Australia's Thrive by Five Early Childhood Guarantee**

3 The *Thrive by Five Early Childhood Guarantee* means a
4 guarantee that all children and their families in Australia will
5 have an entitlement to access designated early childhood
6 services and family benefits as described in the Thrive by Five
7 Principles [Schedule 1].

8 These are to be delivered within 10 years of the commencement
9 of this Act.

10 **8. Early Childhood Development System**

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12 The Early Childhood Development system comprises Early
13 Childhood Services and Family Benefits including but not
14 limited to early childhood education and care, maternal and
15 child health services, playgroups, child focussed community
16 programs, paid parental leave and family tax benefits. These
17 services are delivered in a manner that together they form an
18 integrated system that is easily accessible and useable by
19 families.

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22 The *Early Childhood Development System* will be:

- 23 (a) Universal
- 24 (b) High quality
- 25 (c) Affordable
- 26 (d) Accessible
- 27 (e) Inclusive
- 28 (f) Culturally Safe

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30 The foundations for an Early Childhood Development system are the
31 Early Childhood Services and Family Benefits described in the Thrive by
32 Five Principles [Schedule 1].

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Part 3 – The Australian Early Childhood Development Commission

9. Establishment of the Commission

- (1) The Australian Early Childhood Development Commission is established by this section.
- (2) The Commission reports to the Minister who may liaise with the Ministerial Council or similar body, as agreed by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments.
- (3) For the purposes of finance law (within the meaning of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*):
 - (a) the Commission is a listed entity; and
 - (b) the Commission CEO is the accountable authority of the Commission; and
 - (c) the following persons are officials of the Commission:
 - (i) the Commission CEO;
 - (ii) the other members;
 - (iii) the staff referred to in section 38; and
 - (iv) persons whose services are made available to the Commission under section 40; and
 - (d) the purposes of the Commission include the functions of the Commission referred to in section 9.

10. Object

The objects of the establishment of the Australian Early Childhood Development Commission are to:

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- 1 (a) establish a coordinated national approach to policy
2 setting, governance and management of the early
3 childhood development system; and
4 (b) implement and deliver the Thrive by Five Guarantee.

5 **11. Functions of the Commission**

6 The Commission has the functions set out in this table:
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Functions of the Commission

Item	Topic	The functions of the Commission are:
1	National policy and strategy	to implement the Thrive by Five Guarantee by supporting, assisting and advising the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments in achieving the objects of this Act and in establishing consistent national early childhood development system in Australia; and
2	Inter-governmental collaboration	to: (a) advise, negotiate, and clarify the roles and responsibilities between the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments and other system actors to create national consistency in early childhood development systems, and minimise overlapping responsibilities to improve effectiveness and efficiency; and (b) coordinate meetings between the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments in relation to early childhood development matters; (b) monitor, advise and negotiate the implementation of agreements between the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments to deliver early childhood

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Functions of the Commission

Item	Topic	The functions of the Commission are:
		services and determine early childhood policies; and (d) to advise the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments on the creation and implementation of funding agreements; and (e) support the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments plan for the provision of early childhood services across Australian communities; and
3	Research and information sharing	to: (a) collect, analyse and publish data that the Commission considers relevant; and (b) undertake and publish research relating to early childhood development and quality matters; (c) to inform the development and evaluation of early childhood policies and strategies (d) report progress in achieving the objectives of this Act to the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments; and (d) to report, share, and facilitate the sharing of information with the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments as the Commission considers relevant; and
4	National early childhood education and care	to: (a) advise the Commonwealth, state and territory governments through the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) on standards, regulations and

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Functions of the Commission

Item	Topic	The functions of the Commission are:
		guidelines relating to early childhood education and care including advice on accessibility, quality and regulatory enforcement; and (b) Advise the Commonwealth, state and territories on new funding models for early childhood education and care, including: i. direct funding to providers ii. a fixed fee model for parents and iii. any necessary changes to the child care subsidy. and; (c) monitor and report on the implementation and impact of the standards, funding arrangements, indicators and guidelines formulated under paragraphs (a) and (b) above; and
5	Jurisdictional consistency	to promote, support and encourage national consistency in access to early childhood entitlements, including but not limited to, access to early childhood education and care and child and maternal health services; and
6	Advising the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments	to advise the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments on early childhood education and development matters and initiatives to deliver a high quality, universally accessible early childhood development system and early childhood entitlements; and

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Functions of the Commission

Item	Topic	The functions of the Commission are:
7	Other conferred functions	such other functions that are conferred on it by, or under, this Act or any other Commonwealth Act.

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2 **12. Performance of functions**

3 (1) The Commission must perform its functions in accordance with
4 its corporate plan and operational plan.

5 (2) When performing its functions, the Commission may consult
6 with:

7 (a) governments and government bodies; and

8 (b) other persons, bodies, consumers and
9 organisations on education and quality measures.

10 **13. Powers of the Commission**

11 (1) The Commission has power to do all things necessary or
12 convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance
13 of its functions.

14 (2) The Commission powers include, but are not limited to, the
15 following powers:

16 (a) to enter into contracts;

17 (b) to accept gifts, devises bequests and assignments
18 (whether on trust or otherwise); and

19 (c) to do anything incidental to any of its functions.
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1 **Part 4 – Membership of the Commission**

2 **14. Membership of the Commission**

3 (1) The Commission consists of the following members:

4 (a) the Chair;

5 (b) 1 member who represents the Commonwealth;

6 (c) 8 members, each of whom represents a different
7 State or Territory;

8 (d) 1 member who represents the interests of
9 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;

10 (e) 1 member who represents the interests of
11 culturally and linguistically diverse persons;

12 (f) 1 member who represents the interests of persons
13 with a disability; and

14 (d) the Commission CEO.

15 (2) The Commission may not perform its functions if more than
16 one-third of the voting members' offices are vacant.

17 **15. Appointment of the Chair**

18 (1) The Minister must, by written instrument, appoint a person to be
19 the Chair.

20 (2) The Minister can only make the appointment if the Minister for
21 Education has been consulted about the appointment of the
22 person.

23 **16. Appointment of the Commonwealth representative**

24 (1) The Minister must, by written instrument, appoint a person to be
25 the Commonwealth representative.

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1 **17. Appointment of each State and Territory representative**

- 2 (1) The Minister must, by written instrument, appoint a person to be
3 the voting member who represents a particular State or
4 Territory.
- 5 (2) The Minister can only make the appointment if the person has
6 been nominated for the appointment by the State or Territory.

7 **18. Appointment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
8 peoples' representative**

- 9 (1) The Minister must, by written instrument, appoint a person to be
10 the voting member who represents the interests of Aboriginal
11 and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia.
- 12 (2) The Minister can only make the appointment if:
- 13 (a) the person has been nominated for the appointment by
14 an authorised body; and
- 15 (b) the Minister agrees to the person being nominated.
- 16 (3) If an authorised body nominates a person but the Minister does
17 not agree to the person being appointed, an authorised body
18 (which may be the same or a different body) may nominate
19 another person for the appointment.
- 20 (4) The Minister may authorise a body for the purpose of this
21 section if the Minister considers that the body represents the
22 interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in
23 Australia.
- 24 (5) If the Minister authorises a body under subsection (4), the body
25 is an *authorised body* for the purposes of this section.

26 **19. Appointment of culturally and linguistically diverse persons'
27 representative**

- 28 (1) The Minister must, by written instrument, appoint a person to be
29 the voting member who represents the interests of culturally and
30 linguistically diverse persons in Australia.

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- 1 (2) The Minister can only make the appointment if:
- 2 (a) the person has been nominated for the appointment by
3 an authorised body; and
- 4 (b) the Minister agrees to the person being nominated.
- 5 (3) If an authorised body nominates a person but the Minister does
6 not agree to the person being appointed, an authorised body
7 (which may be the same or a different body) may nominate
8 another person for the appointment.
- 9 (4) The Minister may authorise a body for the purpose of this
10 section if the Minister considers that the body represents the
11 interests of culturally and linguistically diverse persons in
12 Australia.
- 13 (5) If the Minister authorises a body under subsection (4), the body
14 is an *authorised body* for the purposes of this section.

15 **20. Appointment of persons with a disability representative**

- 16 (1) The Minister must, by written instrument, appoint a person to be
17 the voting member who represents the interests of persons with
18 a disability in Australia.
- 19 (2) The Minister can only make the appointment if:
- 20 (a) the person has been nominated for the appointment by
21 an authorised body; and
- 22 (b) the Minister agrees to the person being nominated.
- 23 (3) If an authorised body nominates a person but the Minister does
24 not agree to the person being appointed, an authorised body
25 (which may be the same or a different body) may nominate
26 another person for the appointment.
- 27 (4) The Minister may authorise a body for the purpose of this
28 section if the Minister considers that the body represents the
29 interests of persons with a disability in Australia.

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- 1 (5) If the Minister authorises a body under subsection (4), the body
2 is an *authorised body* for the purposes of this section.

3 **21. Remuneration of the Chair**

4 (1) The Chair is to be paid the remuneration that is determined by
5 the Remuneration Tribunal. If no determination of that
6 remuneration by the Tribunal is in operation, the Commission
7 CEO is to be paid the remuneration that is prescribed in the
8 regulations.

9 (2) The Chair is to be paid the allowances that are prescribed by the
10 regulations.

11 (3) This section has effect subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal Act*
12 *1973*.

13 **22. Leave of absence of the Chair**

14 The Minister may grant a leave of absence to the Chair on the
15 terms and conditions as to the remuneration or otherwise that
16 the Minister determines.

17 **23. Other terms and conditions of the Chair**

18 The Chair holds office on terms and conditions (if any) in
19 relation to matters not covered by this Act that are determined
20 by the Minister.

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Part 5 – Decision Making and Planning by the Commission

24. Holding of meetings

- (1) The Commission must hold such meetings as are necessary for the performance of its functions.
- (2) The Chair:
 - (a) may convene a meeting at any time; and
 - (b) must convene at least 3 meetings each financial year.

25. Presiding at meetings

- (1) The Chair presides at all meetings at which he or she is present.
- (2) If the Chair is not present at a meeting but the voting member representing the Commonwealth is present, that member is to preside.
- (3) If the Chair and that member are not present at a meeting, the other voting members present must appoint one of themselves to preside.

26. Substitution of voting members at meetings

- (1) A voting member (other than the Chair) who is unable to attend a meeting may, in writing, request the Chair to agree to another specified person being the member's substitute at the meeting.
- (2) If the Chair agrees, in writing, to the specified person being the member's substitute at the meeting, then, for the purpose of that meeting, the person is taken to be that member.

27. Quorum at meetings

- (1) At a meeting of the Commission, a majority of the voting members constitute a quorum.
- (2) However if:

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- 1 (a) rules made for the purposes of section 29 of the *Public*
2 *Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*
3 prevent a voting member from participating in the
4 Commission's deliberations or decisions in relation to a
5 particular matter; and
- 6 (b) when the member leaves the meeting concerned there is
7 no longer a quorum present;
- 8 the remaining voting members at the meeting constitute a
9 quorum for the purpose of any deliberation or decision at that
10 meeting in relation to that matter.
- 11 (3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), a quorum is not constituted for
12 the purpose of any deliberation or decision relating to the
13 national approach to early childhood development framework if
14 a majority of all of the voting members who represent the
15 Commonwealth, States and Territories are not present for the
16 deliberation or decision.

17 **28. Decisions at meetings**

- 18 (1) At a meeting, a question is decided by two thirds- majority of
19 the votes of the voting members present and voting.
- 20 (2) However, if the question relates to the national approach to early
21 childhood development framework, the question is decided by
- 22 (a) two thirds- majority of the votes of the voting members
23 present and voting; and
- 24 (b) a majority of the votes of all of the voting members
25 who represent the Commonwealth, States and
26 Territories.

27 **29. Conduct of meetings**

28 The Commission may, subject to this Division, regulate
29 proceedings at its meetings as it considers appropriate.

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1 **30. Minutes**

2 The Commission must keep minutes of its meetings.

3 **31. Decisions without meetings**

4 (1) The Commission is taken to have made a decision at a meeting
5 if:

6 (a) without meeting, a two thirds majority of the voting
7 members entitled to vote on the proposed decision
8 indicate agreement with the decision; and

9 (b) that agreement is indicated in accordance with the
10 method determined by the Commission under
11 subsection (3); and

12 (c) all the voting members were informed of the proposed
13 decision, or reasonable efforts were made to inform all
14 the voting members of the proposed decision.

15 (2) However, if the decision relates to the national approach to early
16 childhood development framework the Commission is only
17 taken to have made a decision at a meeting if:

18 (a) without meeting, a two -thirds majority of the voting
19 members entitled to vote on the proposed decision and
20 a majority of the voters of all the voting members who
21 represent the Commonwealth, States and Territories
22 indicate agreement with the decision and

23 (b) that agreement is indicated in accordance with the
24 method determined by the Commission under
25 subsection (3); and

26 (c) all the voting members were informed of the proposed
27 decision, or reasonable efforts were made to inform all
28 the voting members of the proposed decision.

29 (3) Subsection (1) or (2) only applies if:

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- 1 (a) The Commission has determined that it may make
2 decisions of that kind without meeting; and
- 3 (b) The Commission has determined the method by which
4 voting members are to indicate agreement with
5 proposed decisions.
- 6 (4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) and subparagraph (2)(a), a
7 voting member is not entitled to vote on a proposed decision if
8 the member would not have been entitled to vote on that
9 proposal if the matter had been considered at a meeting of the
10 Commission.
- 11 (5) The Commission must keep a record of decisions made in
12 accordance with this section.
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Part 6 – The Commission CEO

32. The Commission CEO

- (1) There is to be a Chief Executive Officer of the Commission.

33. Functions of the Commission CEO

- (1) The Commission CEO's functions are:
- (a) to manage the administration of the Commission;
 - (b) to assist the Commission in the performance of its functions; and
 - (c) to act in accordance with the policies determined, and any directions given, by the Commission.

34. Appointment

- (1) The Minister must, by written instrument, appoint a person to be the Commission CEO.
- (2) The Minister can only make the appointment if the Ministers for Education have been consulted about the appointment of the person.

35. Acting appointments

- (1) The Commission may appoint a person to act as the Commission CEO:
- (a) during a vacancy in the office of the Commission CEO;
or
 - (b) during any period, or during all periods, when the Commission CEO is absent from duty or from Australia; or
 - (c) during any period, or during all periods, when the Commission CEO is unable to perform their duties.

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1 **36. Outside employment**

- 2 (1) The Commission CEO must not engage in paid employment
3 outside the duties of his or her office without the Chair of the
4 Commission's approval.
- 5 (2) The Chair of the Commission must notify the Minister of any
6 approval given under subsection (1).

7 **37. Remuneration**

- 8 (1) The Commission CEO is to be paid the remuneration that is
9 determined by the Remuneration Tribunal. If no determination
10 of that remuneration by the Tribunal is in operation, the
11 Commission CEO is to be paid the remuneration that is
12 prescribed in the regulations.
- 13 (2) The Commission CEO is to be paid the allowances that are
14 prescribed by the regulations.
- 15 (3) This section has effect subject to the *Remuneration Tribunal Act*
16 1973.

17 **38. Leave**

- 18 (1) The Commission CEO has the recreational leave entitlements
19 that are determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.
- 20 (2) The Commission may grant the Commission CEO leave of
21 absence, other than recreation leave, on the terms and conditions
22 as to remuneration or otherwise that the Commission
23 determines.
- 24 (3) The Commission must notify the Minister if the Commission
25 grants the Commission CEO a leave of absence for a period
26 exceeding 2 months.

27 **39. Resignation**

- 28 (1) The Commission CEO may resign his or her appointment by
29 giving the Commission a written resignation.

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1 (2) The resignation takes effect on the day it is received by the
2 Commission or, if a later date is specified in the resignation, on
3 that later date.

4 (3) If the Commission CEO resigns, the Commission must notify
5 the Minister of the resignation.

6 **40. Termination of appointment**

7 (1) The Commission may terminate the appointment of the
8 Commission CEO for misbehaviour or mental incapacity.

9 (2) The Commission may terminate the appointment of the
10 Commission CEO if the Commission is satisfied that the
11 Commission CEO's performance has been unsatisfactory.

12 (3) Before the Commission terminates the appointment of the
13 Commission CEO under subsection (1) or (2):

14 (a) The Commission must consult the Minister; or

15 (b) the Minister must consult each participating State and
16 Territory Minister of Education.

17 (4) The Commission must terminate the appointment of the
18 Commission CEO if the Commission CEO:

19 (a) becomes bankrupt; or

20 (b) applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of
21 bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or

22 (c) compounds with his or her creditors; or

23 (d) makes an assignment of his or her remuneration for the
24 benefit of his or her creditors; or

25 (e) the Commission CEO is absent, except on leave of
26 absence, for 14 consecutive days or for 28 days in any
27 12 months; or

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1 (f) the Commission CEO engages except with the
2 Commission's approval I paid employment outside the
3 duties of his or her office.

4 (3) If the Commission terminates the appointment of the
5 Commission CEO, the Commission must notify:

6 (a) the Minister; and

7 (b) each of the participating Commonwealth Minister and
8 State and Territory Minister of Education.

9 **41. Disclosure of interest**

10 The Commission CEO must give written notice to the
11 Commission of all material personal interests that the
12 Commission CEO has or acquires and that conflict or could
13 conflict with the proper performance of the Commission CEO's
14 duties.

15 **42. Terms and conditions**

16 The Commission CEO holds office on the terms and conditions
17 (if any) in relation to matters not covered by this Act that are
18 determined by the Commission.

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1 **Part 7 – The Commission Staff and others assisting**

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3 **43. Staff of the Commission**

4 (1) The staff of the Commission must be persons engaged under the
5 *Public Service Act 1999*.

6 (2) For the purposes of the *Public Service Act 1999*:

7 (a) the CEO and the staff of the Commission together
8 constitute a Statutory Agency; and

9 (b) the CEO is the Head of that Statutory Agency.

10 **44. Committees of the Commission**

11 (1) The Commission may constitute committees for the purpose of
12 assisting it in the performance of its functions.

13 (2) A committee may be constituted:

14 (a) wholly by members; or

15 (b) wholly by persons who are not members; or

16 (c) partly by members and partly by other persons.

17 (3) A committee must give the Commission such reports,
18 documents and information in relation to the committee's
19 functions as the Commission requests.

20 **45. Persons assisting the Commission**

21 (1) The Commission may also be assisted:

22 (a) by employees of Agencies (within the meaning of the
23 *Public Service Act 1999*); or

24 (b) by officers and employees of a State or Territory; or

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- 1 (c) by officers and employees of authorities of the
2 Commonwealth, State or Territory;
3 whose services are made available to the Commission in
4 connection with the performance of any of its functions.

5 **46. Consultants**

6 The CEO may, on behalf of the Commonwealth, engage
7 consultants to assist in the performance of the Commission's
8 functions.

9 **Part 8 – Miscellaneous**

10 **47. Delegation by the Commission**

11 The Commission may, in writing, delegate all or any of its
12 functions or powers under this Act to the following:

- 13 (a) a member; or
14 (b) the staff of the Commission.

15 **48. Delegation by the Commission CEO**

16 The Commission CEO may, in writing, delegate all or any of its
17 functions or powers under this Act to the staff of the
18 Commission.

19 **49. Annual report**

20 The Commission CEO must give to the Commission the annual
21 report prepared by the Commission CEO and given to the
22 Minister under section 46 of the *Public Governance,*
23 *Performance and Accountability Act 2013* for a period.

24 **50. Review of the Commission's role and functions**

25 *Minister must conduct review*

- 26 (1) The Minister must cause a review of the Commission's ongoing
27 role and functions to be conducted

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1 *When review is to start and be completed*

2 (2) The review must:

3 (a) start 6 years after the commencement of this section;
4 and

5 (b) be completed within 6 months.

6 *Report about review*

7 (3) The Minister must cause a written report about the review to be
8 prepared.

9 *Parliament to be given report*

10 (4) The Minister must cause a copy of the report to be laid before
11 each House of Parliament within 15 sitting days after the
12 Minister receives the report.

13 **51. Regulations**

14 The Governor-General may make regulations prescribing
15 matters:

16 (a) required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed; or

17 (b) necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying
18 out or giving effect to this Act.

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Schedule 1 - Thrive by Five Principles

These principles describe the Thrive by Five Guarantee. They are the early childhood services and family benefits that will be available to all Australian families and children.

1. 52 weeks of paid parental leave, shared between partners.
2. Access to a minimum of 10 child and maternal health development checks for all children, and up to 25 child and maternal health checks for children and families that need more support.
3. 30 hours or three days a week of quality early childhood education and care for all children aged 0–5 years that is:
 - 3.1 free for low-income families, and
 - 3.2 a fixed fee of \$10 a day per child, for all children and families to be reviewed every 3 years.