

CHILD WELFARE.

No. 10 of 1977.

AN ACT to amend the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1976.

[Assented to 30th September, 1977.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Child Welfare Act Amendment Act, 1977*.

Short title
and citation.

(2) In this Act the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1976, is referred to as the principal Act.

(3) In this Act the Child Welfare Act Amendment Act (No. 2), 1976, is referred to as the amending Act.

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approved for
reprint 26th
April, 1974,
and amended
by Act No.
106 of 1975
and Act No.
36 of 1976.

(4) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1977.

Commence-
ment.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Section 2
amended.

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the passage "AND FOSTER MOTHERS, AND THE CARE AND," in lines twelve and thirteen, and substituting the passage " , THE CARE, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OF CHILDREN, AND THE".

Section 20
amended.

4. Section 20 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (2) and re-enacting it to stand as subsection (8).

Heading
amended.

5. The heading in the principal Act immediately preceding section 110 is amended by deleting the words "AND FOSTER-MOTHERS AND THE CARE AND" and substituting the passage " , THE CARE, CHARGE OR CUSTODY OF CHILDREN, AND THE".

S.146A
amended.

6. Section 146A of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "Department", in line six, the words "or any member of the Police Force".

S.84 of
amending
Act
amended.

7. Section 84 of the amending Act is amended—
(a) by deleting the passage "unless the child has attained the age of seven years but has not attained the age of sixteen years;" where it appears as paragraph (a) of

subsection (2) of the proposed section 70 of the principal Act, and substituting the passage “unless the child has attained the age of seven years and it appears to the panel that the child—

- (i) at the time of the commission of the alleged offence had not attained the age of sixteen years; and
 - (ii) at the time of being dealt with by the panel has not attained the age of sixteen years and six months;” ;
and
- (b) by deleting the words “has not attained”, in lines three and four of subsection (3) of the proposed section 70, and substituting the words “appears to that Court not to have attained at the time of the commission of the alleged offence”.

8. Section 129 of the amending Act is amended by deleting the word “greater”, where it appears as the last word of subsection (4) of the proposed section 138B of the principal Act, and substituting the word “less”.

S.129 of
amending
Act
amended.

9. Section 137 of the amending Act is amended by deleting the reference to “Yaandina Babies & Childrens Centre Inc.”, where it appears in the proposed Second Schedule to the principal Act as the last item under the category “CATHOLIC”, and re-enacting it as the last item under the category “UNDENOMINATIONAL”.

Second
Schedule
amended.
