



INFORMATION NOTE
COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Consideration of the 4th & 5th report of Australia
Presentation of the report: 10/11/14; Responses: 11/11/14
Previous consideration: 2008 (40th session of the CAT)
53rd session of the CAT

Summary of child related issues

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I- **Issues pertaining to juvenile justice and the rights of the child in general**

1. Issue n°1: Protection of children in the context of migration

Questions / Remarks	Responses by Australia
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children in the context of migration need to be better protected• Detention is detrimental for children's health• Are there plans to stop detention of migrants completely?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special services are provided for children being detained in Nauru• Health services are provided for children in prison

2. Issue n°2 : Juvenile justice

Questions / Remarks	Responses by Australia
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Release of children in detention• Who is responsible for their detention?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• -
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does the government do to reduce the number of young persons in prison?• Introduce a limited time of arrest of children without a judge's warrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-custodial measures are increased to prevent overcrowding"<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Youth diversion and support services were created• Juvenile detention is always a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you share data on how many juveniles are subject to solitary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juvenile detention centres are subject to supervision by independent bodies

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<p>confinement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How many children are in pre-trial detention?• There needs to be more monitoring of places of detention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No jurisdiction makes use of solitary confinement, but prisoners may be segregated where necessary
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II- **Other relevant issues with positive feedbacks by the States present at the review:**

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III- **Concluding observations:**

- Deprivation of liberty of children is a measure of last resort, but the figures are still quite high