

Commissioner for Children Summary Report

The point of yesterday's meeting was about a commissioner for children. The Senator talked about how the commissioner can help children. The feedback from the children is being collected so that they will know what the commissioner should do. The senator says that the commissioner should help troubled children, and give all children aged 1-17 a "voice" in bigger decisions. But, she wanted children's inputs for this decision, because as she says, "the children are the main focus of this decision". There were three main things covered in the meeting. How the commissioner should be elected, who they should mainly help, and how they will make children's voice heard. For how the commissioner should be elected there were a few points made.

Some people were talking about how they think that the commissioner should be elected by votes. Points were brought up that it should happen by an election process, and by campaigning, similar to a regular election. For example, they should state what they want to do, and how they will help children. Another sub point was who should vote. Most said children, but some also said teachers and other people who work with children. Others said that the commissioner should be specifically chosen by the government

The next point that was brought up was who they should mainly focus on, whether it be certain troubled kids, or types of children being targeted.

One of the first reactions was to push aside that the commissioner should focus on teens, because they could manage themselves "well"

Then, the opinions slightly split, with some making a case that the commissioner should help targeted races such as the current Asian racism and BLM related racism, while others said that the commissioner should help abused children.

Then, the topic of teens was lifted again, with one person bringing up the topic of peer pressure, and how that will affect teens from managing themselves from other harmful elements or people. So, the commissioner could possibly implement stations in schools to make their mental health, or any other issues better. Hence, making facilities more accessible.

I do not exactly remember the final major question of how the commissioner can give children a voice being answered, if anyone does, please add to this.

Then, they asked for some other thoughts.

For example, how long the commissioner should be in office. Many people said that 5 years was a suitable time.

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