



**Children's Court
Victoria**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 3 of 2014

FAMILY DIVISION – FILING OF REPORTS

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Section 592 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*.

Preamble

The purpose of this Practice Direction is to address delays the Court is currently experiencing caused by Department of Human Services reports not being filed with the Court prior to the listing date.

This Practice Direction applies to all child protection applications state-wide.

Directions

Except with leave of the Court, all Department of Human Services reports must be filed with the proper venue of the Court not less than 3 working days prior to the listing date.

This Practice Direction commences on 30 June 2014.

Judge Peter Couzens
President
Children's Court of Victoria

25 June 2014