

Appendix B:

Abbreviations, acronyms and glossary

Abbreviations We use the following abbreviations in this report:

Abbreviation	Full spelling
Bayside	Bayside City Council
Central Goldfields	Central Goldfields Shire Council
Darebin	Darebin City Council
Melton	Melton City Council
Mildura	Mildura Rural City Council
the department	Department of Health
the system	Child Development Information System
Whittlesea	Whittlesea City Council
2019 guidelines	<i>Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Program: Program Guidelines</i> (released in 2019)
2025 guidelines	<i>Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Program: Program Guidelines</i> (released in 2025)

Acronyms We use the following acronyms in this report:

Acronym	Full spelling
EMCH	Enhanced Maternal and Child Health program
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
VAGO	Victorian Auditor-General's Office

Glossary

The following terms are included in or relevant to this report:

Term	Explanation
Council	<p>All 79 local government providers of the MCH Service (including EMCH). This includes councils that directly employ nurses to deliver the MCH Service and service providers contracted by councils such as regional health services.</p> <p>We have used the department's EMCH funding model council classifications, which recognise 22 metropolitan Melbourne councils, 10 interface councils and 47 rural councils. A full list of councils and their classifications is in Appendix D.</p>
Funded hours	<p>The hours of service delivery a council is funded by the department to deliver in a financial year.</p>
Interface council	<p>One of the fast-growing councils that form a ring around (or 'interface with') metropolitan Melbourne.</p> <p>Of the councils we audited, Melton and Whittlesea City Councils are interface councils.</p>
Level of assurance	<p>This is a measure of the confidence we have in our conclusions. The quality and quantity of evidence we obtain affects our level of assurance.</p> <p>We design our work programs with the information needs of our report users in mind. We consider if we need to provide them with reasonable assurance or if a lower level of assurance may be appropriate.</p>
Limited assurance	<p>We obtain less assurance when we rely primarily on an agency's representations and other evidence generated by that agency. However, we aim to have enough confidence in our conclusion for it to be meaningful. We call these types of engagements assurance reviews and typically express our opinions in negative terms. For example, 'nothing has come to our attention to indicate there is a problem.'</p> <p>See our assurance services fact sheet for more information.</p>
Reasonable assurance	<p>We achieve reasonable assurance by obtaining and verifying direct evidence from a variety of internal and external sources about an agency's performance. This enables us to draw a conclusion against an objective with a high level of assurance. We call these performance audits.</p> <p>See our assurance services fact sheet for more information.</p>
Rural council	<p>All non-metropolitan councils in Victoria.</p> <p>Of the councils we audited, Central Goldfields and Mildura are rural councils.</p>