

Appendix B:

Abbreviations, acronyms and glossary

Abbreviations We use the following abbreviations in this report:

Abbreviation	Full spelling
The Act	<i>Children, Youth and Families Act 2005</i>
placement principles	Aboriginal Child Placement Principle
the department	Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
Closing the Gap	<i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i>

Acronyms We use the following acronyms in this report:

Acronym	Full spelling
ACCOS	Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations
CCYP	Commission for Children and Young People
CRIS	client relationship information system
FCAV	Foster Care Association of Victoria
HFM	hierarchical forecasting model
MDFM	multivariate demand forecasting model
VAGO	Victorian Auditor-General's Office

Glossary

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

Term	Explanation
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>