

extrafile/G00029\_Criminal%20Code%20(Amendment)%20Act,%202007.pdf. See also UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, *Consideration of Reports: United Kingdom and Northern Ireland*, 188. See also Government of the British Virgin Islands, *Labour Code*, articles 2, 130.

<sup>6391</sup> Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, *Education Act 1996*. See also U.S. Embassy- London official, E-mail communication to USDOL official, April 1, 2011.

<sup>6392</sup> Government of the British Virgin Islands, *Labour Code*, articles 8-14.

## Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor

There is no evidence that children on Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.

### Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands are subject to the child labor laws of the State of Western Australia.<sup>6393</sup> The Western Australia Children and Community Services Act 2004 prohibits the employment of children younger than age 15 in a business, trade or for-profit occupation.<sup>6394</sup> Child prostitution is prohibited under the Prostitution Act of 2000.<sup>6395</sup> Both the Children and Community Services Act and the Criminal Code proscribe the possession, production and distribution of child pornography.<sup>6396</sup>

Slavery is illegal under the federally enacted Slavery and Sexual Servitude Act 1999.<sup>6397</sup> The Commonwealth Criminal Code prohibits trafficking in persons and debt bondage.<sup>6398</sup> Defense of Christmas Island and the Cocos

(Keeling) Islands is the responsibility of Australia, which has a voluntary recruitment age of 17.<sup>6399</sup>

Public education is free and education is compulsory to age 17.<sup>6400</sup>

### Institutional Mechanisms for Coordination and Enforcement

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for a coordinating mechanism to address the worst forms of child labor.

The Western Australia Division of the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (DOCEP) investigates and enforces laws related to the employment of children.<sup>6401</sup> The Australian Federal Police enforce criminal laws related to the worst forms of child labor.<sup>6402</sup>

The Western Australia Department for Child Protection is responsible for investigating the commercial sexual exploitation of children, such as pornography, sometimes with cooperation from the Western Australia Police and the Labor Relations Division of the DOCEP.<sup>6403</sup> The Western Australia state police force has primary responsibility for investigating and prosecuting allegations of slavery and sexual servitude.<sup>6404</sup>

The Federal Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and the Australian Federal Police have jurisdiction in trafficking matters.<sup>6405</sup> The Australian Federal Police's Human Trafficking Teams investigate human trafficking for the purpose of transnational sexual and labor exploitation.<sup>6406</sup> The Australian Federal Police's Child Protections Operations team monitors child sex tourism offenses and child pornography on the Internet.<sup>6407</sup>

### Government Policies on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for policies to address the worst forms of child labor.