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Machinery of Government Changes

Since the Machinery of Government changes implemented in March 2009, the Department of Communities has been responsible for both residential care and child protection. However, at the time the data in this report were collected, child protection was administered separately by the former Department of Child Safety. The language of this report, like the surveys and responses, reflects the structural arrangements that were in place at the time of data collection; however, it should be noted that young people referred to as “in the care of the Department of Child Safety” would now be in the care of the Department of Communities.

Cover artworks courtesy of *Youth Works* art program

Front cover: *Jazz*, 2008

Back cover: *Under the Sea*, 2008

- The *Youth Works* art program assists young people in the Brisbane and Townsville (Cleveland) youth detention centres to “create a brighter future through art”.
- *Youth Works* is one of a range of programs offered to help these young people develop job and life skills and divert them from the youth justice system once they return to the community.
- The culmination of the art program is *Youth Works – Creating brighter futures*, an annual art exhibition held in Brisbane and Townsville.
- The art program and exhibitions are a collaborative effort between the Department of Communities and Education Queensland.
- The exhibitions provide an opportunity for the community to recognise the young people’s artistic talent.
- All proceeds from the sale of the artworks are paid into the trust account for each young person.