



CHILDREN'S COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PRACTICE DIRECTION 1 of 2020

COMPLEX SENTENCING LIST

To assist with the case management of criminal matters being heard before a Magistrate in the Children's Court of Western Australia, sitting at Perth, the Complex Sentencing List will commence on 16 January 2020.

The Complex Sentencing List will convene each Thursday fortnight at 10.00am. It will comprise eight matters, four matters at 10.00am and four matters at not before 11.30am.

A Magistrate will determine that a matter is complex. Sentencing matters, bail or fitness to stand trial matters may also be listed as the Magistrate sees fit. The Magistrate shall order any reports required.

The Magistrate listing the matter from the Combined List might not be the Magistrate presiding over the Complex Sentencing List.

Youth Justice is required to lodge reports and a criminal record at the Registry by no later than two clear working days prior to the list.

Where the child is in care, the Department of Communities is required to file a report at the Registry by no later than two clear working days prior to the list.

Counsel for the Defence and for the State may obtain copies of the reports from the Registry prior to the commencement of the list.

Upon the referral to the Complex Sentencing List, Counsel for the State is to cause copies of the statements of material facts to be filed at the Registry within two days.

Counsel for the Defence and for the State may file written submissions but they must be filed at the Registry by no later than two clear working days prior to the list.

Counsel for the Defence is required to file a Notice of Acting within two days of the referral to the Complex Sentencing List.

Notice of Acting forms are available from the Children's Court website at www.childrenscourt.wa.gov.au; < Forms < Criminal matters webpage.



JUDGE J A WAGER
PRESIDENT
CHILDREN'S COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

6 January 2020