

The UK Government has introduced systems to track ages and locations of individual soldiers, with the aim of preventing under 18s from being deployed into hostilities. Deployment of members of the armed forces who have not yet reached 18 years is permitted when there is a genuine need and the situation is urgent.(7-10)

III. ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

Even though there is no evidence of a problem, the Government has established an institutional mechanism for the enforcement of labor laws for the British Virgin Islands (Table 3).

Table 3. Agencies Responsible for Child Labor Law Enforcement

Organization/Agency	Role
Ministry of Labor	Enforce labor laws and collect data and statistics on violations of the Labor Code.(2)

IV. COORDINATION OF GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for coordinating mechanisms to address child labor, including its worst forms, in the British Virgin Islands.

V. 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 child labor, including its worst forms, in the British Virgin Islands.

VI. SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for social programs to address child labor, including its worst forms, in the British Virgin Islands.

VII. SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT ACTIONS TO PREVENT THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

Based on the reporting above, suggested actions are identified that would advance the continued prevention of child labor, including its worst forms, in the British Virgin Islands (Table 4).

Table 4. Suggested Government Actions to Prevent Child Labor, Including its Worst Forms

Area	Suggested Action	Year(s) Suggested
Laws	Develop a list of hazardous occupations prohibited for children under age 18.	2012 – 2013

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Christmas Island

NO ASSESSMENT

NON-INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

For the 2013 reporting period, no assessment has been made regarding Christmas Island's efforts to advance the elimination of the worst forms of child labor because 2013 is the first year suggested actions are included for Christmas Island. While there is no evidence of a problem, gaps exist in the legal framework to prevent children from involvement in the worst forms of child labor. Christmas Island does not have a minimum age for hazardous work, or a list of hazardous activities which may leave children vulnerable to the worst forms of child labor.

I. PREVALENCE AND SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD LABOR




There is no evidence that children on Christmas Island are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.(1, 2)

II. LEGAL FRAMEWORK ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

The Acts Interpretation Act 1901 provides that Christmas Island is part of the definition of “Australia” in the laws of Australia. Accordingly, all legislation of the federal parliament applies to these territories unless specifically excluded, including Australia’s ratification of conventions.(3)

Because Australia has ratified most key international conventions concerning child labor, the following conventions apply to Christmas Island (Table 1).

Table 1. Ratification of International Conventions on Child Labor

	Convention	Ratification
	ILO C. 138, Minimum Age	
	ILO C. 182, Worst Forms of Child Labor	✓
	UN CRC	✓
	UN CRC Optional Protocol on Armed Conflict	✓
	UN CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	✓
	Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons	✓

Christmas Island is subject to the child labor laws of the state of Western Australia.(1) The Government has established relevant laws and regulations related to child labor, including its worst forms (Table 2).

Table 2. Laws and Regulations Related to Child Labor

Standard	Yes/No	Age	Related Legislation
Minimum Age for Work	Yes	15	Western Australia Children and Community Services Act 2004 (4)
Minimum Age for Hazardous Work	No		Western Australia Children and Community Services Act 2004 (4)
List of Hazardous Occupations Prohibited for Children	No		
Prohibition of Forced Labor	Yes		Commonwealth Criminal Code Act 1995 of Australia (5)
Prohibition of Child Trafficking	Yes		Commonwealth Criminal Code Act 1995 of Australia (5)
Prohibition of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Yes		Western Australia Prostitution Act of 2000, the Western Australia Children and Community Services Act, and the federally enacted Commonwealth Criminal Code Act 1995 of Australia (4-8)
Prohibition of Using Children in Illicit Activities	Yes		Commonwealth Criminal Code Act 1995 of Australia (5)

Table 2. Laws and Regulations Related to Child Labor (cont)

Standard	Yes/No	Age	Related Legislation
Minimum Age for Voluntary Military Service	Combat: Yes	18	Australian Defense Force (9, 10)
	Non-Combat: Yes	17	
Compulsory Education Age	Yes	17	Western Australia School Education Act (1, 2, 7, 11)
Free Public Education	Yes		Western Australia School Education Act (1, 2, 7, 11)

No information was found on whether any laws specifically define hazardous work or establish a minimum age for it.

III. ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

Even though there is no evidence of a problem, the Government of Australia has established institutional mechanisms for the enforcement of laws and regulations on child labor, including its worst forms, which apply to Christmas Island (Table 3).

Table 3. Agencies Responsible for Child Labor Law Enforcement

Organization/Agency	Role
Australian Federal Police, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, and the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	Enforce criminal laws related to the worst forms of child labor. Issue orders for a child to stop working if there is risk of harm.(1, 7)
Australian Federal Police	Investigate the commercial sexual exploitation of children, including pornography.(7)
Australian Federal Police: Human Trafficking Teams	Investigate human trafficking for the purpose of transnational sexual and labor exploitation.(1, 8)
Australian Federal Police: Child Protection Operations Team	Investigate and coordinate multijurisdictional and international online child sex exploitation issues, including child pornography.(1, 7, 8)

IV. COORDINATION OF GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for coordinating mechanisms to address child labor, including its worst forms, in Christmas Island.

V. GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

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

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VII. SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT ACTIONS TO PREVENT THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

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Table 4. Suggested Government Actions to Prevent Child Labor, Including its Worst Forms

Area	Suggested Action	Year(s) Suggested
Laws	Clarify whether Christmas Island has codified a list of hazardous activities prohibited for children under age 18.	2013
	Clarify whether Christmas Island has established a minimum age for hazardous work.	2013

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