Children’s Court Practice Direction No.6 of 2021

**Form C6**

**Readiness Certificate**

(IMPORTANT –This document is to be prepared by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing [**DFFH**] after consultation with all other parties to the proceeding prior to the Readiness Hearing. It is expected that parties will have canvassed practical arrangements that might assist the conduct of the proceeding having regard to general government advice with regard to social distancing practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. Current social distancing practices include allowing for 1.5 metres spacing between each court participant and a total of four square metres of floor space per person within a court room.)

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| **Case Nr(s):** | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **Case name:** | | **DFFH v.** | | | | | | | | | |
| **DFFH** | | **Worker/Team leader:** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Office:** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Child 1:** | **Name:** | | | | | **Age:** | | | | **Legal rep-ICL:** | |
| **Child 2:** | **Name:** | | | | | **Age:** | | | | **Legal rep-ICL:** | |
| **Child 3:** | **Name:** | | | | | **Age:** | | | | **Legal rep-ICL:** | |
| **Child 4:** | **Name:** | | | | | **Age:** | | | | **Legal rep-ICL:** | |
| **🞏 Are there additional children whose details are included on the last page?** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Mother:** | | | **Name:** | | | | | | | **Legal rep:** | |
| **Father:** | | | **Name:** | | | | | | | **Legal rep:** | |
| **Other party 1:** | | | **Name/Status:** | | | | | | | **Legal rep:** | |
| **Other party 2:** | | | **Name/Status:** | | | | | | | **Legal rep:** | |
| **Other party 3:** | | | **Name/Status:** | | | | | | | **Legal rep:** | |
| **🞏 Are there any other parties whose details are included in the last page?** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Current order(s)/date(s):** | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| **Children currently reside with:** | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| **Date and place of the Readiness Hearing:** | | | | / / | | | | | **CHILDREN’S COURT** | | |
| **How many parties will be involved in the Readiness Hearing?** | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| **Have all material/evidence/ reports to be relied upon been filed and served and all material to be subpoenaed been released?** | | | | | **Yes** | | **No**  (If no please specify when all material will be available?) | | | | |
| **What disposition is sought by DFFH?** | | | | |  | | | | | | |
| **What disposition(s) are sought by the other parties?** | | | | |  | | | | | | |
| **What issues (other than the ultimate dispositions) remain in dispute?** | | | | |  | | | | | | |
| **Is any party/legal representative seeking to appear by audio-visual link or audio link, including a party in custody? If so, specify place and proposed method of appearance.** | | | | |  | | | | | | |
| **Name of proposed witnesses** | | | | | **Witness required for cross-examination and estimated length of time.** | | | | | | **Dates on which the witness is unavailable**  (including days and times) |
| **1.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |
| **2.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |
| **3.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |
| **4.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |
| **5.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |
| **6.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |
| **7.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |
| **8.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |
| **9.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |
| **10.** | | | | | **Yes / No** | | | **min/hr** | | |  |

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| **Do any witnesses have particular vulnerabilities due to age or pre-existing medical conditions?** | | |  | | | | |
| **Is it appropriate/practical for any witness, including experts, to give evidence by audio-visual link or audio link? If so, specify any place of appearance and proposed method for each such witness.** | | |  | | | | |
| **If an interpreter is required for a party or witness, what language and for whom?**  **If so, can suitable arrangements be made to properly assist the conduct of the hearing?** | | |  | | | | |
| **Does any party/witness seek to bring a support person to the hearing? If so, which party and which support person?** | | |  | | | | |
| **Is it requested that another room within the court complex will also be used for the hearing?** | | | **YES** | | **NO** | | **If yes, has the availability of this room been discussed with the registrar?** |
| **Is there any evidence other than oral and documentary evidence that will be relied upon during the hearing (e.g. VARE or Record of interview)? If so, how is it proposed that the evidence to be tendered/ played?** | | |  | | | | |
| **Are there any objections (and if so, what) to admissibility of evidence which, once determined, may shorten the hearing?** | | |  | | | | |
| **Is there any negative impact on any persons involved in the case if the hearing is delayed due to Covid-19 concerns (e.g. stability of placement, health, including mental health & wellbeing of the child/ren and/or parents). If so, give details of the negative impact.** | | |  | | | | |
| **Is a party likely to be unfairly prejudiced by conducting the hearing in the manner proposed? If so, give details of the prejudice.** | | |  | | | | |
| **Do all parties agree with the proposed arrangements for the conduct of the hearing?** | | **Yes** | | **No**  (If no, please provide details) | | | | |
| **Number of persons that will be physically present at court at any given time during the hearing?** | | **Parties** | | | |  | | |
| **Legal representatives** | | | |  | | |
| **Witnesses** | | | |  | | |
| **Support persons** | | | |  | | |
| **Total** | | | |  | | |
| **Estimated duration of contested hearing** (including submissions if any): | | **HOURS/ DAYS** | | | | | | |
| |  | | --- | | **If there are additional children or other parties whose details are not included on the first page, please include their details below.** |   **Readiness Certificate prepared by [name/status] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **In consultation with**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Name:** | **Status** | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | | | | | | | | | |