

Ms Rachel Callinan
Director
Legislative Council Standing Committee
on Law and Justice
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY 2000

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Dear Ms Callinan

Inquiry into Altruistic Surrogacy

Thank you for the invitation for officers of the Department of Health to attend and give evidence before the Standing Committee on Law and Justice on Wednesday 18 March 2009. The relevant officers have reviewed the transcript of evidence and consider that it is an accurate record of their evidence on the day. There is one minor typographical error which is flagged in the attached transcript of evidence.


I note also that the officers took two questions on notice and promised to provide the Committee with a written response. Those matters were:

- (i) the organisations and individuals that the Department of Health wrote to seeking comment on the draft Assisted Reproductive Technology Regulation 2009; and
- (ii) the organisations and individuals that provided a submission to the Department on the draft Assisted Reproductive Technology Regulation.

A list of the organisations and individuals that the Department wrote to seeking comment is annexure A to this letter, while a list of those organisations and individuals that provided submissions is annexure B to this letter. A number of people have made submissions on the basis that their identities not be disclosed. In accordance with those requests the relevant submissions have simply been noted as "confidential submission" in the annexure.

If you require any additional information please contact Mr Iain Martin, Manager Legislation, Legal and Legislative Services Branch, NSW Department of Health on 9391 9851.

Yours sincerely,



Leanne O'Shannessy
Director Legal and Legislation
and General Counsel
6 April 2009

Annexure A

Organisations and individuals written to by the Department of Health

1. ACCESS
2. Albury Reproductive Medicine Centre
3. Andrology Department Concord Hospital
4. Australian and New Zealand Infertility Counsellors' Association (ANZICA)
5. Australian Association of Social Workers
6. Australian Medical Association (NSW)
7. Benevolent Society, Post Adoption Resource Centre
8. Donor Conception Support Group
9. Fertility East
10. Fertility First
11. Fertility Society of Australia (FSA)
12. Fletcher, Ms Cheryl
13. Hunter IVF
14. IVF Australia
15. Next Generation Fertility
16. Psychologists Registration Board
17. Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
18. Royal Hospital for Women
19. Sydney IVF
20. Westmead Fertility Centre

Annexure B

Organisations and individuals that provided submissions to the Department of Health

1. ACCESS
2. Andrology Department Concord Hospital
3. Banna, Ms Karin
4. Benevolent Society, Post Adoption Resource Centre
5. Donor Conception Support Group
6. Fertility East (Dr Joel Bernstein)
7. Fertility First (Dr Anne Clark)
8. Fertility Society of Australia
9. Jones, Ms Dianne and Mr John
10. Lahana, Ms Antry
11. Nas Jones, Ms Carolyn
12. Nas Jones, Ms Jodie
13. Next Generation Fertility
14. Psychologists Registration Board
15. Royal Hospital for Women, Department of Reproductive Medicine

16. Confidential submission
17. Confidential submission
18. Confidential submission
19. Confidential submission