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Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority Submission to the Inquiry into the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019**

I am pleased to provide this formal submission to the Inquiry based on the recent experience of the UK in this area.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) is the UK's independent regulator of fertility treatment and research using human embryos. We aim to ensure that everyone who steps into a fertility clinic, and everyone born as a result of treatment, receives high quality care. We do this by licensing, monitoring and inspecting fertility clinics and providing free, clear and impartial information about fertility treatment, clinics and egg, sperm and embryo donation. We also collect data about fertility treatments.

We reviewed the presentation of statistics and information relevant to the Inquiry over the last few years and more information can be found in detail on these issues via the following links:

1. Paper to our Authority (Board) on how statistics and information from patients are presented on our website: <https://ifqlive.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-website/1466/beta-website-and-cafc-feedback-findings-and-annexes.pdf>
2. Feedback on test versions of our website: <https://ifqlive.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-website/1541/choose-a-fertility-clinic-update.pdf>

The current presentation of our relevant data can be found here: <https://www.hfea.gov.uk/choose-a-clinic/clinic-search/> and more information on our data is here: <https://www.hfea.gov.uk/about-us/our-data/>

I hope that the Committee finds this useful to aid its Inquiry and I would be happy to provide any further information that you would find helpful.

Yours sincerely

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