

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Amendment (Assisted Reproductive Treatment Statistics) Bill 2019

Hearing. Melbourne Thursday 21st November 2019

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Submission in lieu of an Opening Statement to the Committee

Please refer to my submission of the 6th September 2019 to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs.

The points that I would like to reiterate and update the Committee on are:

1. The suitability of ANZARD to report clinic-specific success rates including existing infrastructure and ANZARD data items.
2. The expertise and independence of the NPESU to undertake this task.
3. Recommend that the RTAC Code of Practice be amended to specify that data submitted to ANZARD will be used to clinic-specific success rates.
1. Essential data consistency with the “Online IVF Patient Predictor” tool, RTAC benchmarking reports, ANZARD Annual Report.
2. NPESU recently awarded Data Custodianship and management of the “World IVF Registry” for the next 5 years.
3. Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) into *Causes and Prevention of Male infertility* is centred on ANZARD;
 - i. “Online IVF Patient Predictor”
 - ii. Large ANZARD data-linkage study
 - iii. ANZARD Clinical trials data portal
4. Progress on reporting clinic-specific success rates:
 - a. Working Party has reached consensus on 5 key measures (stratified by age) of clinic success rates for public reporting.
 - b. Engaged with 3 health-data communications companies to design, test and implement a consumer-friendly website.
 - c. Possible delivery of a central website within 6 months.

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