

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL POLICY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS Issued: 17 March 2016

Chair – Mr George Christensen MP Deputy – Ms Sharon Claydon MP

Final hearing for surrogacy inquiry

The Social Policy and Legal Affairs committee will conclude its program of public hearings for the inquiry into surrogacy with a public hearing in **Canberra** on **Friday 18 March**.

The public hearing will be held in **Committee Room 1S3, Parliament House**. As a result of Friday's additional sitting day for the House of Representatives, all witnesses will give evidence by teleconference.

The hearing will give the Committee an opportunity to speak with a variety of inquiry contributors who bring diverse perspectives to the table.

The program for Friday's hearing is:

Time	Witness
8.15am – 9.00am	Chief Justice Diana Bryant
9.00am – 12.00pm	BREAK
12.00pm – 12.30pm	Professor Denise Cuthbert
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Australian Institute of Family Studies
1.00pm – 1.30pm	Australian and New Zealand Infertility Counsellors Association
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Melbourne IVF
2.00pm – 2.10pm	BREAK
2.10pm – 2.40pm	Victorian Adoption Network for Information and Self Help
2.40pm – 3.10pm	Australian Association of Social Workers

Observers welcome to attend, while a live audio stream of the hearing will be available on the Parliament House website at this link.

Further information on the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, is available on the Committee website at <u>www.aph.gov.au/spla</u>.

For media comment – please contact Lynnis Bonanno in the Chair's office on (07) 4944 0662. For inquiry information – please contact the Secretariat: spla.reps@aph.gov.au | (02) 6277 2358 | www.aph.gov.au/spla