



THE SENATE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON STILLBIRTH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

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Senate Committee will examine the future of stillbirth research and education

Every day, there are six stillborn babies in Australia and for 40 per cent of these babies, the cause of their death is unknown.¹ Despite significant technological and medical advances, the rate of stillborn babies in Australia has not declined in two decades.²

On 27 March 2018, the Senate established the Select Committee on Stillbirth Research and Education. The committee will consider the future of stillbirth research and education in Australia, including:

- the consistency and timeliness of data available to researchers;
- coordination between Australian and international researchers;
- partnerships with the corporate sector, including use of innovative new technology;
- sustainability and propriety of current research funding into stillbirth, and future funding options;
- research and education priorities and coordination, including the role that innovation and the private sector can play;
- communication of stillbirth research for Australian families, including culturally and linguistically appropriate advice for Indigenous and multicultural families; and
- quantifying the impact of stillbirths on the Australian economy.

The committee invites submissions addressing the terms of reference from interested individuals and organisations by **29 June 2018**.

Information about the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, is available at:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Stillbirth_Research_and_Education/Stillbirth.

For media comment contact the office of Senator Malarndirri McCarthy, Committee Chair, on 0417 387 775.

For information about the inquiry process or making a submission, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 3419.

¹ Stillbirth Foundation, *About stillbirth*, available: <http://stillbirthfoundation.org.au/stillbirth/> (accessed 6 April 2018).

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