



## Child custody report presented to parliament today, Tuesday 10 February 2004

The report of the inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation will be formally tabled in the House of Representatives today, Tuesday 10 February 2004.

The report was released publicly on 29 December 2003 during parliament's summer recess. The formal tabling today will enable debate on the report to proceed in the House.

The report will be tabled by the Committee Chair, Mrs Kay Hull, at approximately **4.20pm** (Canberra time), after the Matter of Public Importance in the House.

Debate on the report will be held in the Main Committee (which meets in Committee Room 2R3) from about 10.30am-1.00pm on Wednesday 11 February and from about 10am-12.30pm on Thursday 12 February. Those in Parliament House can view the Main Committee through the in-house television service. The Main Committee is also webcast at [www.apf.gov.au/live](http://www.apf.gov.au/live)

Transcripts of the debates will be available at [www.apf.gov.au/hansard](http://www.apf.gov.au/hansard)

The report is available on the committee website at [www.apf.gov.au/house/committee/fca](http://www.apf.gov.au/house/committee/fca)

**Background:** The committee received more than 1700 submissions, and spent a total of 21 days gathering evidence in all states and territories. Copies of submissions and transcripts of hearings are available on the committee website.

**To arrange media comment from the Chair, please contact:**

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**For further details on the inquiry, including background documentation:**

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