



# Human milk for human babies

## Public hearing and site inspection

Wednesday 18 April

### ***Mothers Milk Bank - John Flynn Private Hospital, Gold Coast***

As part of the House Health and Ageing Committee's inquiry into the health benefits of breastfeeding, the Committee will hold a public hearing and inspect the Mothers Milk Bank which is based at John Flynn Private Hospital on the Gold Coast, Queensland.

"The milk bank, one of only two in Australia is an important development for babies who are sick or premature. Giving these babies breastmilk increases their chances of survival and helps their long-term development," Committee Chairman Alex Somlyay said.

Under the terms of reference, the Committee is also interested in examining the effectiveness of current measures to promote breastfeeding and will hear evidence from several hospitals which are accredited under the Baby friendly Health Initiative. This initiative aims to give every baby the best start in life by creating a health care environment where breastfeeding is the norm and practices known to promote the health and well-being of all babies and their mothers are followed.

The House of Representatives Committee will also hear from several specialists involved in neonatal and paediatric care.

The hearing is open to all members of the public.

### **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

**Venue:** Auditorium, John Flynn Private Hospital  
42 Inland Drive Tugun QLD

- 10.00am - 10.30am Mothers milk bank
- 10.30am – 11.00am John Flynn Private Hospital
- 11.00am – 11.25am Logan Hospital
- 11.25am – 11.50am Gold Coast Hospital
- 11.50am – 12.05pm Dr David McMaster
- 12.05pm – 12.30pm Community Statements

#### **For media interview with the Chairman:**

Please contact Mr Somlyay's electorate office on (07) 5471 6611 or parliament house (02) 6277 4727.

**For further information on the inquiry:** Contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4145 or email [haa.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:haa.reps@aph.gov.au) or visit the website at

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/haa/breastfeeding/index.htm>