

APPENDIX 2

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the Bill on 14 November 2002 in Senate Committee Room 2S1.

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Sue Knowles (Chairman)

Senator Guy Barnett

Senator Kay Denman

Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan

Senator Claire Moore

Witnesses

National Welfare Rights Network & ACOSS

Ms Linda Forbes

Ms Genevieve Bolton

Refugee Council of Australia

Ms Margaret Piper, Executive Director

UnitingCare & National Social Responsibility and Justice

Ms Lin Hatfield Dodds, National Director, UnitingCare

Rev Elenie Poulos, National Director, National Social Responsibility and Justice

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Ms Robyn Bicket, Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian Branch

Mr Robert Illingworth, Assistant Secretary, On Shore Protection

Department of Family and Community Services

Ms Frances Davies, Assistant Secretary, Labour and Parenting Programs Branch

Mr Neil Mahoney, Director, Parenting and Special Payments Section, Labour Market and Parenting Branch

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Mr Michael Manthorpe, Assistant Secretary, Work Experience Branch