

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER IN AUSTRALIA

The Senate Community Affairs References Committee is undertaking an inquiry into Gynaecological Cancer in Australia. This inquiry will pursue issues raised in the Committee's response earlier this year to a petition on gynaecological health that had been presented to the Senate.

The Committee will particularly be inquiring into the:

- (a) Level of Commonwealth and other funding for research addressing gynaecological cancers;
- (b) Extent, adequacy and funding for screening programs, treatment services, and for wider health support programs for women with gynaecological cancer;
- (c) Capability of existing health and medical services to meet the needs of Indigenous populations and other cultural backgrounds, and those living in remote regions;
- (d) Extent to which the medical community needs to be educated on the risk factors, symptoms and treatment of gynaecological cancers;
- (e) Extent to which women and the broader community require education of the risk factors, symptoms and treatment of gynaecological cancers; and
- (f) Extent to which experience and expertise in gynaecological cancer is appropriately represented on national health agencies, especially the recently established Cancer Australia.

The reporting date is 19 October 2006

Written submissions are invited and should be addressed to:

**The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs References Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600**

The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document - email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and their being available to other interested parties including the media. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not protected.

Following consideration of submissions, the Committee will hold public hearings. The Committee will consider all submissions and may invite individuals and organisations to give evidence at the public hearings.

Information relating to Senate Committee inquiries, including notes to assist in the preparation of submissions for a Committee, can be located on the internet at http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm

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