

15th June 2006

RE: Inquiry into Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counseling Services Bill 2005

To whom It May Concern,

I am deeply concerned about the government's proposal to fund certain pregnancy counseling organizations.

It seems that this proposal will end up costing far more than \$60 million. Most women will bypass the "counseling" and go straight to the abortion clinic, those who are young and uninformed will end up having babies they do not want, cannot look after and least able to provide a good education for those children. The result? More expenditure on welfare payments, more unemployable, disadvantaged teenagers and more crime. Many more millions would have to be allocated to DOCS and other child welfare agencies so that they can cope with the increased numbers of neglected and abused children.

I am from a Greek background and I have known a number of women who, although they could not speak a word of English, they did manage to find an abortion clinic. One woman who used to live next door to me, now in her sixties, said to me openly: "...*I used to go and kill them...*". It sounded like she had several abortions but she showed no regret. This was no radical feminist but a traditional woman just like my mum.

Would it not be better to spend the \$60 million on medically accurate sex education and contraception so that unwanted pregnancies can be prevented?

The problem is that many of those who oppose abortion also oppose accurate sex education and contraception as well! See links:

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/assembly/asm76/news/Press%20Articles%20and%20Speeches/Articles/2005/The%20Capital%20Times1.htm> Pro lifers targeting contraception

<http://www.naral.org/facts/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=1589>
deceptive anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centers

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1471-0528.2002.t01-1-01124.x> pro life websites misinformation

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=23828> AND
<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2005/11/15/231255/08> Case of self-induced abortion in the US.
(South Carolina US woman reported to police for self induced abortion)

http://www.lifeandlibertyforwomen.org/truth_about_photos.html Truth about anti-abortionists' fetal photos.

<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/ahs/archive/report/report3.htm> fetus consciousness

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/294/8/947?lookupType=volpage&vol=294&fp=947&view=short> fetal pain.

<http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/sharing.pdf> Unsafe abortion around the world, methods, statistics.

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2005/1/6/194434/1328> Virginia: Proposal to Require Women Report All Miscarriages

<http://www.devbio.com/article.php?ch=21&id=164> Article on the way pro lifers display images of fetuses and ignore women.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=PubMed&list_uids=7971545&dopt=Citation low abortion rate of Netherlands explained

<http://www.gutmacher.org/pubs/journals/3103805.html> Condom misinformation and the Vatican

<http://www.prevention.com/article/0,5778,s1-1-93-35-4130-1,00.html> Pharmacist refusing to give pill

<http://www.womensenews.org/article.cfm/dyn/aid/2408/context/ourdailylives> rape victim in Catholic hospital

<http://atheism.about.com/b/a/213313.htm> Rape Victim denied EC

<http://atheism.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.thestranger.com/seattle/Content%3Foid=31667> pharmacist refuses to dispense antibiotics and vitamins

<http://atheism.about.com/b/a/163437.htm> Christian opposition to HPV vaccine

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4688128.stm> A Polish woman who was refused an abortion despite warnings that having a baby could make her blind

The following are links to pro life sites and the pro life view on contraception:

http://www.abortionfacts.com/online_books/love_them_both/why_cant_we_love_them_both_35.asp#According%20to%20this,%20condoms%20have%20a%20high%20failure%20rate%20for%20

[pregnancy.%20How%20effective%20are%20condoms%20in%20preventing%20AIDS?](#)
Condoms have holes...

http://www.ortl.org/life_in_oregon/00_12/back_alley.html Poland: abortion reduced, women healthy (Polish women travel to other countries or DIY, birthrate in Poland 1.3%)

<http://www.all.org/activism/ab01.htm> IUDs and Pills KILL people

<http://www.lovematters.com/condoms.htm> anti condom propaganda

http://www.abortionfacts.com/online_books/love_them_both/why_cant_we_love_them_both_14.asp Cortex not needed for pain, thalamus needed. (The truth is that without a functioning cortex the fetus cannot feel anything, the cortex does not fully function until around 24th week of gestation)

<http://www.christiananswers.net/life/home.html> Christian view on abortion, contraception murders babies!

<http://www.missionariestopreborn.com/birthcontrol.htm> Christian views on birth control.

Few days ago I decided to check out the pregnancy “counseling” services available. I looked up the local yellow pages in the front where they have all the emergency and help numbers, there are three pregnancy “counseling” numbers so I rang up one of them to see what they would say.

I told them I was looking for an abortion clinic as I have a daughter who is 14 and about 6-7 weeks pregnant. She said “oh that’s your grandchild...” then she asked me about the boy responsible and told me that the pregnancy also concerns him and his family. I told her that in our culture sex before marriage is strictly forbidden (I am from an ethnic background and have an accent). Then she said something about young people doing what they like and the “baby”... She did not ask about how my daughter felt or where we are from. I asked her if she could refer me to a clinic and she said that they do not do that as they receive calls from around Australia... She also mentioned that six weeks is too early for an abortion to be performed. She then offered to send me some pamphlets in the mail but I said “No thank you”...I then put the phone down.

What if this had been a real case and the pregnant girl were put at risk of getting beaten up or killed for having sex outside of marriage? What if the pregnant woman had some serious health problem that would endanger her health or life? What if the girl ringing them up was a victim of incest/rape?

Throughout the conversation the focus was on the baby rather than the 14 year old pregnant girl. I rang up another Pregnancy “counseling” number few years back and they also said that abortions are not performed early, they wanted to send me off to Centrelink for family payments. It seems they want to delay the women so they can have time to inflict their propaganda on them.

The pro life “counseling” organizations are only interested on one thing: to persuade and coerce the pregnant woman to continue with an unwanted pregnancy, regardless of the effects on life, health, education and existing children.

At the moment I am building a website for the sole purpose of informing women about the deceptive tactics of the pro life movement. I will be providing information on how to avoid fake clinics, how to search the yellow pages and how to recognize deceptive websites. I will also include a comprehensive list of all the anti abortion websites world wide.