

APPENDIX 2

Public Hearings

Thursday, 4 February 2010
Parliament House, Canberra

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Claire Moore (Chair)
Senator Rachel Siewert (Deputy Chair)
Senator Judith Adams
Senator Sue Boyce
Senator Trish Crossin
Senator Mark Furner

Witnesses

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Mr Rob Heferen, Deputy Secretary
Mr Barry Sandison, Acting Deputy Secretary
Mr Anthony Field, Group Manager, Legal and Compliance
Ms Cath Halbert, Group Manager, Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination
Dr Bruce Smith, Branch Manager, Indigenous Policy
Mr Gavin Matthews, Branch Manager, Welfare Payments Reform
Mr John Litchfield, Branch Manager, Land Reform

Attorney-General's Department

Ms Helen Daniels, Assistant Secretary, Copyright and Classifications Policy Branch
Ms Sarah Chidgey, Assistant Secretary, Criminal Law and Law Enforcement Branch

Thursday, 11 February 2010
Parliament House, Canberra

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Claire Moore (Chair)
Senator Rachel Siewert (Deputy Chair)
Senator Sue Boyce
Senator Trish Crossin
Senator Mitch Fifield
Senator Mark Furner
Senator Gary Humphries
Senator Kate Lundy

Witnesses**Amnesty International Australia**

Mr Mark Burness, Government Relations Manager
Dr Robyn Seth-Purdie, Government Relations Advisor
Mr Lucas Jordan, Research Officer
Ms Monica Morgan, Campaign Officer
Mr Gregory Marks, Consultant

Monday, 15 February 2010

Darwin Convention Centre, Northern Territory

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Claire Moore (Chair)
Senator Rachel Siewert (Deputy Chair)
Senator Judith Adams
Senator Sue Boyce
Senator Trish Crossin
Senator Mark Furner

Witnesses**Northern Territory Government Agencies**

Mr Ken Davies, Chief Executive
Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services
Ms Clare Gardiner-Barnes, Acting Executive Director, NT Families and Children,
Department of Health and Families
Mr Alan Green, Executive, Department of Education and Training
Mr Robert Kendrik, A/g Assistant Commissioner, Operations Services, NT Police
Miss Elizabeth Morris, Deputy CEO, Policy Coordination, Department of Justice
Mr Doug Phillips, Executive Director, Business Support,
Department of Business and Employment

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

Ms Ruby Walker, Board Director for the Katherine Region
Mr Vernon Patullo, Board Director
Ms Hannah Roe, Board Director
Ms Annabel Pengilley, Welfare Rights Solicitor (Darwin)
Mr Jared Sharp, Advocay Manager
Ms Nadia Rosenman, Welfare Rights Solicitor (Katherine)

Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission

Ms Suzan Cox QC, Director

Law Society of the Northern Territory

Ms Barbara Bradshaw, Chief Executive Officer

Ms Barbie McDermott, Project Officer, Research and Policy

Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation

Ms Alana Eldridge, Chief Executive Officer

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory

Mr John Paterson, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Chips Mackinolty, Manager of Policy and Strategy

Fred Hollows Foundation

Ms Joy McLaughlin, Manager, Indigenous Programs

Outback Stores

Mr Warren Bretag, Business Development Manager

Ms Megan Ferguson, Health and Wellbeing Manager

Northern Land Council

Mr Kim Hill, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Wali Wunungmurra, Chairman

Mr Samuel Bush-Blenasi, Deputy Chairman

Wednesday, 17 February 2010

Chifley Alice Springs Resort, Alice Springs

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Claire Moore (Chair)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Deputy Chair)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator Trish Crossin

Senator Mark Furner

Witnesses

Central Land Council

Mr David Ross, Director

Ms Jane Weepers, Senior Policy Officer

Mr Daniel Kelly, Senior Solicitor

Mr David Avery, Lawyer

Tangentyere Council and Central Australian Youth Link Up Service

Mr Tristan Ray, Manager

Mr Blair McFarland

Mr Harry Nelson

Ms Barbara Shaw

Ms Elaine Peckham

Mr Richard Downs
Mrs Valerie Martin
Mrs Raelene Silverton

Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service

Ms Patricia Miller, CEO
Ms Emily Webster
Ms Lauren Walker
Ms Elise Rivett

Northern Territory Council of Social Services

Ms Wendy Morton, Executive Director
Ms Jonathan Pilbrow, Central Australian Policy Officer

Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council

Ms Vicki Gillick, Coordinator

Monday, 22 February 2010
Parliament House, Canberra

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Claire Moore (Chair)
Senator Rachel Siewert (Deputy Chair)
Senator Judith Adams
Senator Trish Crossin
Senator Mark Furner

Witnesses

Western Australian Department for Child Protection

Ms Fiona Lander, Executive Director
Ms Susan Diamond, A/g Director Child Protection

Western Australian Council of Social Services

Ms Sue Ash, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Lorilee Beecroft, Senior Policy Officer

UnitingCare West

Mr Chris Hall, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Melissa Del Borrello, Corporate Projects Officer

Thursday, 25 February 2010
Parliament House, Canberra

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Claire Moore (Chair)
Senator Rachel Siewert (Deputy Chair)
Senator Judith Adams
Senator Sue Boyce
Senator Trish Crossin
Senator Mark Furner

Witnesses

National Welfare Rights Network

Ms Katherine Beaumont, President
Ms Genevieve Bolton, NWRN Delegate
Mr Gerard Thomas, NWRN Delegate
Ms Liz Turnbull, NWRN Delegate

Law Council of Australia

Mr Nick Parmeter
Dr Sarah Pritchard

Dr Peter Billings

Dr Anthony Cassimatis

ANU College of Law and ANU National Centre for Indigenous Studies

Adjunct Professor Peter Bailey, Adjunct Professor
Ms Jo-Anne Weinman, Research Associate, National Centre for Indigenous Studies
Mr Ernst Willheim, Visiting Fellow

Friday, 26 February 2010
Parliament House, Canberra

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Claire Moore (Chair)
Senator Rachel Siewert (Deputy Chair)
Senator Judith Adams
Senator Sue Boyce
Senator Trish Crossin
Senator Mark Furner

Witnesses

Brotherhood of St Laurence

Professor Paul Smythe, General Manager, Research and Policy Centre

Ms Amy Stockwell, Head, Government Relations

ANGLICARE Australia

Ms Kasy Chambers, Executive Director

St Vincent de Paul

Dr John Falzon, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Jonathan Campton, Research Officer

Salvation Army

Major David Eldridge, Territorial Social Program Director

Ms Wilma Gallet, Strategic Adviser

UnitngCare Australia

Ms Karen Bevan, Director of Social Justice

Ms Susan Helyar, Acting National Director

Australian Council of Social Services

Hon Clare Martin, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Peter Davidson, Senior Policy Officer

Ms Jacqueline Phillips, Policy Officer

Human Rights Commission

Mr Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner

Mr Graeme Innes, Disability Discrimination Commissioner and Race Discrimination Commissioner

Mr Darren Dick, Acting Director, Policy and Programs

Ms Christine Fougere, Deputy Director, Legal Services

Professor John Altman**Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning (Research Unit), University of Technology, Sydney**

Ms Alison Vivian

Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association of New South Wales Inc.

Ms Charmaine Crowe

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Mr Rob Heferen, Deputy Secretary

Mr Barry Sandison, Acting Deputy Secretary

Mr Anthony Field, Group Manager

Mr John Litchfield, Group Manager, Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination

Ms Cath Halbert, Group Manger, Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination

Mr Gavin Matthews, Branch Manager, Welfare Payments Reform
Dr Bruce Smith, Branch Manager
Ms Elizabeth Stehr, Branch Manager, Money Management

Attorney-General's Department

Ms Sarah Chidgey, Assistant Secretary
Ms Helen Daniels, Assistant Secretary

