

Preface

The Senate referred the following matter to a select committee on 13 November 2008:

1. That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Men's Health, be established to inquire into and report by 30 May 2009 on:

General issues related to the availability and effectiveness of education, supports and services for men's health, including but not limited to:

- i. level of Commonwealth, state and other funding addressing men's health, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and depression,
- ii. adequacy of existing education and awareness campaigns regarding men's health for both men and the wider community,
- iii. prevailing attitudes of men towards their own health and sense of wellbeing and how these are affecting men's health in general, and
- iv. the extent, funding and adequacy for treatment services and general support programs for men's health in metropolitan, rural, regional and remote areas.

The committee advertised in the national media seeking submissions. One hundred and thirty-seven were received. A list of these submissions is at Appendix I to this report.

The committee held five days of public hearings in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide at which forty five organisations and individuals were represented. A list of witnesses and the organisations they represented is at Appendix II.

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