

Submission from Australian Institute of Family Studies

Thanks for alerting us to this opportunity to contribute to the Inquiry. I have consulted, and the two reports that AIFS has done (both of which are a few years old now) are:

They are both available on line (but let me know if you'd like hard copies to be sent to you):

Gray, M., Qu, L. & Weston, R. (2008). *Fertility and family policy in Australia* (Australian Institute of Family Studies Research paper No.41). Melbourne: Australian Institute of Family Studies.

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/institute/pubs/rp41/rp41.pdf>

Weston, R., Qu, L., Parker, R. & Alexander, M. (2004). *"It's not for lack of wanting kids": A report on the Fertility Decision Making Project* (Research Report no. 11). Melbourne: Australian Institute of Family Studies.

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/institute/pubs/resreport11/main.html>

As I mentioned on the phone, given the time constraints you're working under - and the fact that we don't have any current research projects that bear on the subject matter of the Inquiry, I am happy for you to take this email as our contribution to the Inquiry. AIFS will not be putting in a separate formal submission.

If you have any follow-up queries regarding the above two reports - or have any other questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Cheers,

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