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Terms of reference

On Friday 19 December 2014, the Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs resolved to inquire into a matter arising from the 2013-14 Annual Report of the Family Law Council, namely surrogacy arrangements in Australia, and for Australians.



List of recommendations

1 Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Attorney-General refer to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs an inquiry into the regulatory and legislative aspects of surrogacy arrangements, with a focus on:

- Domestic surrogacy arrangements including issues such as:
 - ⇒ medical and welfare guidelines,
 - ⇒ differences in domestic legislative arrangements,
 - ⇒ informed consent, compensatory payments and protections for all parties involved, and
- International surrogacy arrangements involving Australian nationals including issues such as:
 - ⇒ Australia's international obligations,
 - ⇒ informed consent of surrogates, compensatory payments and protections for all parties involved,
 - ⇒ requirements for immigration, citizenship, determining parentage and ongoing welfare, and
 - ⇒ adequacy of current information on risks, rights and protections

