



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Grandparents who take primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren

**PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday 10 June 2014**

**Room G3
Parliament of Victoria, 55 St Andrews Place, Melbourne**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	The Mirabel Foundation (<i>Submission 52</i>) Mrs Nicole Patton, Manager Kinship Care and Research Ms Elizabeth McCrea, Advocacy and Family Support
9.30 am	Australian Psychological Society (<i>Submission 137</i>) Ms Heather Gridley, APS Fellow and Manager of Public Interest Ms Meredith Kiraly, Member, expert reference group convened for this APS submission Mrs Mila Cichello, Member, expert reference group convened for this APS submission Ms Cynthia Mifsud, Member, expert reference group convened for this APS submission (via teleconference)
10.00 am	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.15 am	Grandparents Australia (<i>Submission 83</i>) Mrs Anne McLeish OAM, Director
11.15 am	Commission for Children and Young People, Victoria (<i>Submission 110</i>) Mr Bernie Geary, Principal Commissioner Mr Andrew Jackomos, Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People Mr Ray Carroll, Manager, Monitoring Programs and Services Ms Pam Boag, Principal Policy Advisor
12.00 pm	Australian Institute of Family Studies (<i>Submission 99</i>) Professor Alan Hayes AM, Director Ms Ruth Weston, Assistant Director (Research) Professor Lawrence Moloney, Senior Research Fellow
12.30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.15 pm	Australian Association of Social Workers (<i>Submission 132</i>) Ms Sue Rouch, Social Policy Officer Ms Wendy Frayne, Social Worker and Team Leader, Kinship Care

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2.00 pm	<p>Australian Foster Care Association (<i>Submission 171</i>) Ms Helen Falconer, Policy Officer Mrs Beverley Orr OAM, President Ms Sue Edwards, Grandparent Carer and Committee Member</p> <p>Permanent Care and Adoptive Families (<i>Submission 101</i>) Ms Brenda Carmen, General Manager Dr Cas O'Neill, Board Member and Founder</p>
2.45 pm	<p>Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare Inc. (<i>Submission 169</i>) Ms Deborah Tsorbaris, Chief Executive Officer Ms Meredith Kiraly, Kinship Care Researcher and Consultant Ms Ashlee, Grandchild representative Mr Jordan, Grandchild representative</p>
3.30 pm	<p><i>Afternoon tea</i></p>
3.45 pm	<p>Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 32</i>) Dr Susan Diamond, Director, Strategy, Programme Development and Evaluation Ms Nerilie Gilson, Manager, Community Services Program, Disability and Community Services</p>
4.30 pm	<p><i>Adjournment</i></p>