



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**ParentsNext, including its trial and subsequent broader rollout**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday 27 February 2019**

**Flagstaff 1 and 2 Room  
Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens Hotel, 380 William Street, Melbourne**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
8.30 am	<b>National Council of Single Mothers and their Children</b> ( <i>Submission 20</i> ) Ms Terese Edwards, Chief Executive Officer  <b>Council of Single Mothers and their Children</b> ( <i>Submission 25</i> ) Ms Jenny Davidson, Chief Executive Officer  <b>Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand</b> ( <i>Submission 15</i> ) Ms Stella Avramopoulos, Chief Executive Officer Dr Sarah Squire, Head of Women's Research, Advocacy and Policy (WRAP) Centre  <b>Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare</b> ( <i>Submission 23</i> ) Ms Kelly Bowey, Senior Policy and Research Officer
9.45 am	<b>In camera session</b>
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
10.45 am	<b>Ms Kym Mercer (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 54</i> )  <b>Ms Ella Buckland</b> ( <i>Submission 52</i> )
11.15 am	<b>Associate Professor Beth Goldblatt (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 3</i> )  <b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b> ( <i>Submission 16</i> ) Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM, President Mr Graeme Edgerton, Deputy General Counsel Ms Jennifer Lim, Senior Lawyer  <b>Human Rights Law Centre; SNAICC – National Voice for Our Children; and National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum</b> ( <i>Submission 29</i> ) Ms Adrienne Walters, Senior Lawyer, Human Rights Law Centre Ms Monique Hurley, Lawyer, Human Rights Law Centre Ms Amanda Bresnan, Executive Officer, National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum Ms Antoinette Braybrook, Convenor, National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum

12.15 pm	<p><b>Australian Council of Social Service</b> (<i>Submission 38</i>) Dr Cassandra Goldie, Chief Executive Officer Dr Peter Davidson, Senior Advisor</p> <p><b>Brotherhood of St Laurence</b> (<i>Submission 63</i>) Ms Victoria Haggerston, ParentsNext Program Manager Professor Shelley Mallett, Director, Research and Policy Centre</p> <p><b>Mission Australia (via teleconference)</b> (<i>Submission 60</i>) Ms Marion Bennett, Executive, Practice, Quality and Performance Ms Jacquelin Plummer, Head of Policy and Advocacy</p>
<b>1.15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00 pm	<p><b>National Employment Services Association</b> (<i>Submission 30</i>) Ms Sally Sinclair, Chief Executive Officer Ms Annette Gill, Principal Policy Advisor</p> <p><b>Jobs Australia</b> (<i>Submission 35</i>) Mrs Nicole Steers, Chief Operating Officer Mr Peter Defteros, Acting Senior Policy Manager</p>
2.45 pm	<p><b>yourtown</b> (<i>Submission 51</i>) Ms Laura Clarke, Advocacy and Policy Lead Mr Brendan Bourke, Head of Client Services</p> <p><b>Settlement Services International</b> (<i>Submission 31</i>) Ms Karen Bevan, General Manager Service Delivery, Community</p> <p><b>Uniting Victoria and Tasmania</b> (<i>Submission 8</i>) Ms Joanna Leece, Executive Officer, Kildonan and Lentara Cluster</p> <p><b>Personnel Group</b> (<i>Submission 28</i>) Ms Chelsea Fraser, ParentsNext Coordinator</p>
<b>3.45 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
4.00 pm	<p><b>Department of Jobs and Small Business</b> Mr Nathan Smyth, Deputy Secretary, Employment Mr Greg Manning, Group Manager, Youth and Programmes Group Ms Janine Pitt, Group Manager, Activation and Work for the Dole Group Mr Ali Jalayer, Branch Manager, Specialist Programmes (ParentsNext) Mr Ty Emerson, Branch Manager, Job Seeker Participation and Compliance Ms Carmel O'Regan, Branch Manager Ms Robyn Shannon, Branch Manager</p> <p><b>Department of Human Services</b> Mr Michael Robinson, National Manager, Student and Parenting Programmes (via teleconference) Ms Rosemary Deininger, General Manager, Participation and Disability Division</p> <p><b>Department of Social Services (via teleconference)</b> Mr Shane Bennett, Group Manager, Payments Policy Group Ms Emmakate McGuirk, Branch Manager, Work and Study Payments, Payments Policy Group Mr James Kemp, A/g Branch Manager, Payment Conditionality Design and Policy, Welfare and Housing Policy Group</p>

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<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>
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