

## Donor Conception Enquiry

I am the mother of a 36 year old son who was conceived by artificial insemination in 1973.

We were brought up in the era of not questioning authority and when we were told that the only information we would have regarding the donor was that he was a medical student, we accepted it without question.

We truly believed that bringing up a child that was wanted, dearly loved and nurtured in a warm, safe and caring environment would be enough for our child.

This sadly has not turned out to be the case.

I now realise that not knowing who his biological father is has caused my son great pain, anguish and anxiety.

I therefore beseech the senate enquiry to amend the current legislation so that ALL children have the right and entitlement to know exactly who they are and their biological heritage.

Thank you

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