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Committee Secretary
 Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
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Dear Dr Holland

At my appearance at the hearing of the committee in Sydney on 27 March 2013 in relation to the issue of Involuntary or Coerced Sterilization of People with Disability in Australia I undertook to supply the committee with information in relation to applications for sterilization in Queensland considered by the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal [QCAT] in accordance with the provisions of the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000*.

The following details covering the last 6 years have now been obtained from the QCAT registry.

Applications and Orders made for sterilisation of children and adults for past six years

Decision	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
ADULTS								
Approved	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	11
Dismissed	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Withdrawn	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	4
Ongoing	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
CHILDREN								
Approved	-	1 (Person was 18 at time of order)	-	1 (Person was 18 at time of order)	1 (Approved on appeal. Person was 18 at time of appeal)	-	-	3
Dismissed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Withdrawn	-	-	-	-	1 (Person was 18 at time the withdrawal was accepted)	-	-	1
Ongoing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Information has also been gathered as to appointment of representatives by QCAT as follows:

2012

4 appointments of the Adult Guardian as representative

2011

5 appointments of the Adult Guardian as representative

2010

1 appointment of the Adult Guardian as representative

2 appointments of Legal Aid as representative

1 matter did not have an appointment made

2009

1 appointment of Legal Aid as representative

1 matter unable to identify if a representative was appointed

2008

2 matters unable to identify if a representative was appointed

2007

2 appointments of the Adult Guardian as representative

2 matters unable to identify if a representative was appointed

2006

2 matters unable to identify if a representative was appointed

I hope that this information is of assistance to the committee.

Yours Faithfully

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