



THE SENATE

## **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

### **Inquiry into the Family Law Courts**

(Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2018, and Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018)

#### **Statement by the Chair, Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald**

On Friday 14 September 2018, the committee released a media statement following its resolution to hold public hearings across Australia in the week commencing 28 October 2018 for the Inquiry into the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2018, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018.

Subsequently, the Senate determined that hearings could not be held until 24 November 2018.

The Chair of the committee advises that a new schedule of dates and locations of public hearings will be issued for hearings to be conducted after 24 November 2018.

For parties who may have been planning to attend the advised hearing dates, as witnesses or as interested members of the public, this change should be noted.

Advices of new hearings dates and locations will appear on the Inquiry website in due course.