

Question without Notice

28th September 2011

Q.: "Why have I not completed the Questionnaire from the Australian Institute of Family Studies?"

Dear Senators Rachel Siewert, Claire Moore, Carol Brown, Bridget McKenzie

Thank you for your question concerning my reluctance to return the Questionnaire from the National Institute of Family Studies.

Those of us traumatised by our adoption/baby abduction/child trafficking experience have to guard very protectively against any further re-traumatisation.

Probably after reading many mothers' submissions, you will have grasped the fact that most of us who have found our voices have a very low "rage threshold." We no longer suffer those who tell us,

'But you seem fine. You seem to have weathered the onslaught.'

We can lash out, spit back verbally at their total lack of understanding that the abuse aimed at our core values, destroyed us to within an inch of our lives.

So if people who should know better (the qualified psychologists and psychiatrists) treat our re-traumatisation as an intellectual exercise, we are likely to snap, especially when these people are being paid \$330,000 for their total enjoyment. The only thing stopping me taking a baseball bat to the researcher was the knowledge that he was not from the Anglican Church! It is now two years since I filled in the Anglican Church Questionnaire! For what purpose?

Beginning with the original Winkler van Keppel Research in 1982, I have filled in six Research Questionnaires. It takes two years to collect data. Analyse, reach conclusions, collect references, etc. I am in my 70th year! By filling it in I was sanctioning yet another two years wait for any outcome! **No more stalling.** No more ducking and weaving.

When I produced the Conference Papers for the 6th Australian Conference on Adoption in Brisbane in 1997 (under the name of Janice Benson), I expected the researchers and governments to stand up and take notice – the NSW Government did, momentarily. At the least, I expected Adoption to be banned, once it was exposed in all its glory! But here we are, 14 years later, and researchers are STILL collating, analysing, etc.

All the research any government could possibly need **has been done**. Simply locate it, pick it up and read it.

Yours truly,

Janice Kashin

25th October 2011.