

APPENDIX 1

Terms of Reference

INQUIRY INTO THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA WHO HAVE HAD TRANSVAGINAL MESH IMPLANTS AND RELATED MATTERS

- (1) The number of women in Australia:
 - (a) who have had transvaginal mesh implants;
 - (b) who have had transvaginal mesh implants who have experienced adverse side effects; and
 - (c) who have made attempts to have the mesh removed in Australia or elsewhere.
- (2) Information provided to women prior to surgery about possible complications and side effects.
- (3) Information provided to doctors regarding transvaginal mesh implants and possible complications and side effects.
- (4) Any financial or other incentives provided to medical practitioners to use or promote transvaginal mesh implants.
- (5) The types and incidence of health problems experienced by women with transvaginal mesh implants and the impact these health problems have had on women's lives.
- (6) The Therapeutic Goods Administration's:
 - (a) role in investigating the suitability of the implants for use in Australia;
 - (b) role in ongoing monitoring of the suitability of the implants; and
 - (c) knowledge of women suffering with health problems after having transvaginal mesh implants.
- (7) Options available to women to have transvaginal mesh removed.

