TERMS OF REFERENCE

Inquiry into abortion and reproductive choice in the ACT

The Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing resolved on 1 July 2022 to inquire into and report on the following matters:

1. accessibility of abortion and reproductive choice for people in the ACT, including abortion medication, and taking into consideration barriers for:
	1. non-English speakers;
	2. victims of domestic and family violence, including coercive control;
	3. people with a disability;
	4. young people and minors; and
	5. other vulnerable demographics;
2. affordability of abortion and reproductive choice in the ACT, including:
	1. access to bulk billing general practitioners;
	2. indirect costs such as transport, leave from work, childcare; and
	3. options for low-income patients;
3. legal protections for abortion rights in the ACT; including:
	1. comparison with other Australian jurisdictions;
	2. interactions with non-ACT legislative instruments (e.g.: with Commonwealth law);
	3. potential implications for IVF providers; and
	4. effectiveness of exclusion zones around abortion facilities;
4. access to information to support a variety of possible reproductive choices, including choosing to give birth; and
5. any other related matters.