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.