

Media release

Legal and Social Issues Committee

Further hearing for registered organ and tissue donor inquiry

The Legislative Assembly's Legal and Social Issues Committee will hold a hearing next Monday for its Inquiry into increasing the number of registered organ and tissue donors in Victoria.

From 10:00 am Monday 31 July the Committee will hear from Louise McKinlay, Acting Deputy Secretary, Commissioning and System Improvement Division at the Department of Health.

The Committee will then reconvene at 4:00 pm to hear from Joannis Mytilineos, Chief Medical Officer at the German National Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ZKRD), the largest national bone marrow registry worldwide. Australia relies on international bone marrow donors for many patients, which come predominantly from Germany.

The hearing schedule, terms of reference and other inquiry information are available on the Committee's <u>website</u>.

The hearings will be available to watch via live stream.

Victoria has the second lowest registration rate of all states and territories, despite most Australians supporting organ and tissue donation. Through hearings, the Committee is seeking to identify different ways to increase the number of registered donors in Victoria.

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