



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE

ORGAN DONATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That a Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of the Council, and with leave to adjourn from place to place, and with leave to report from time to time, to inquire into and report upon —

- (1) Whether the present systems established within –
 - (a) Tasmania; and
 - (b) Australia,that enable a person to register a legally, valid consent to become an organ donor are adequate;
- (2) The adequacy of Tasmania's approach in identifying potential donors and facilitating the donation and procurement process;
- (3) The impediments, if any, causing Tasmanians to have the lowest organ donor rates in the nation and the net worth to Tasmania of having an organ donor rate equal to the best in the nation;
- (4) The impact that uncertainty amongst family members regarding an individual's donation wishes has on their decision to allow organ donation and whether there is a reluctance on the part of doctors and family to proceed with donation even when the wishes of the donor were known to favour donation;
- (5) Whether there is a suitable education and promotion program in place to ensure the community appreciates the need for organ donation and understands the personal, social and financial benefits that donation and transplantation brings to the community; and

Any other matters incidental thereto.

Members — Hon Ruth Forrest MLC, Independent Member for Murchison
Hon Paul Harriss MLC, Independent Member for Huon
Hon Tania Rattray-Wagner MLC, Independent Member for
Apsley
Hon Jim Wilkinson MLC, Independent Member for Nelson