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INQUIRY INTO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH BILL

The Legislative Council has referred the *Reproductive Health (Access to Terminations) Bill 2013* to a Committee for an inquiry into the provisions of the Bill.

The Inquiry Chair, Paul Harriss MLC, said today that the inquiry would focus specifically on the provisions contained in the Bill and would not consider other issues, such as whether terminations should be legal or not.

“The only purpose of this inquiry is to examine what is contained in this Bill and not matters covered by other legislation or matters of government policy,” Mr Harriss said.

“The Committee will be placing advertisements in the State’s three daily newspapers this Saturday calling for written submissions related to the provisions of the Bill.

“Submissions not specifically related to the clauses in the Bill will not be accepted or considered as part of this inquiry,” he said.

Mr Harriss said written submissions from individuals or organisations must be received **no later** than Monday, 22 July 2013.

“After receiving submissions the Committee will hold public hearings of evidence from individuals and organisations, beginning on Monday, 29 July 2013,” Mr Harriss said.

“The Committee will be seeking a broad range of relevant evidence from a diverse cross-section of stakeholders before presenting its report to the Legislative Council.”

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