

## Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Ministerial Expert Panel – Minister for Health Update October 2022

Dear Minister Sanderson

I am pleased to provide you with an update on the progress of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and Surrogacy Ministerial Expert Panel (MEP) for the month of October.

Consistent with the MEP's purpose and Terms of Reference, the Panel continues work to develop and endorse policy positions and recommendations on specific topics for new ART and surrogacy legislation in WA. The scope and focus of MEP activity follows the Government Response to recommendations in the independent *Review of the Western Australian Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991 and the Surrogacy Act 2008* by Associate Professor Sonia Allan (Allan Review).

The MEP held three sessions in October:

- On 4 October the MEP considered topics where decisions had not been finalised
- On 19 October the MEP began drafting recommendations for the final report
- On 27 October the MEP continued drafting the final report and its recommendations

The complexities and interrelatedness of many of the topics has necessitated that the MEP meet for additional sessions in October. Completion of the MEP's deliberations and final report with recommendations for your consideration will be provided within the specified timeframe of the MEP (31 December 2022).

The MEP is scheduled to meet again on 2 November to continue to review the drafted recommendations for the final report.

I look forward to providing you with the next monthly MEP update for November.

Kind regards



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