Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Ministerial Expert Panel – Minister for Health Update November 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 November.

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 four sessions in November:

- 2 November
- 16 November
- 23 November
- 30 November

Each of these sessions concentrated on finalising the drafting of the final report.

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).

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

Kind regards

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