



THE SENATE

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Thank you for your interest in the Community Affairs Reference Committee's inquiry into Commonwealth's contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices.

The Committee is scheduled to table its report on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 at sometime between 4 and 5.30pm, in the Senate at Parliament House, Canberra. Please note that timing can't be exact because of the way the Senate operates.

A number of people have expressed an interest in viewing the tabling and meeting with the Committee afterwards, and so the following arrangements have been made to assist you if you do plan to come to Parliament House on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

### IMPORTANT

**You must register by 5pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb to be able to attend the afternoon tea**

Because the media conference and afternoon tea will be in the main committee room, and will extend after normal public hours you will need a pass, which should be pre-arranged. Even if you are unsure about coming, still register your name – it will not cost you anything to attend, and a pass will be kept for you in case you do decide to attend.

To register - fill in the form online (go to <http://tiny.cc/05lr8>) OR Contact Jess McColl in Senator Siewert's office.

*Email:* [jess.mccoll@aph.gov.au](mailto:jess.mccoll@aph.gov.au)

*Phone:* 08 9228 3277

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### APPROXIMATE AGENDA – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012

#### Parliament House, Canberra

*(NOTE: times may change, subject to business of the Senate, which outside our control)*

#### **4.30 (approx) - Tabling**

Tabling will occur in the Senate – Senator Siewert will present the report to the Parliament and then other Senators from the Committee will speak. You can watch from the Gallery.



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### **5pm (approx) - Media Conference and opportunity to receive a copy of the report**

You are invited to come to the Main Committee Room, where you will be able to get a copy of the report and the Committee members will give a short media conference.

### **5.30pm (approx) - Afternoon Tea and opportunity to talk to others about the report**

Enjoy afternoon tea with the committee members and an opportunity to talk to others about the report. All welcome! (Please register for a pass – see above)

## OTHER INFORMATION

### *Visiting Parliament House*

Enter Parliament House through the public entrance. You can find out about parking, disability access and public transport by ringing (02) 6277 5399 or going to the website [http://www.aph.gov.au/Visit\\_Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/Visit_Parliament). If you arrive early, there are a number of displays that you can view, gardens that you can enjoy and a public café.

### *Collecting your access pass*

Once you arrive and enter through the security scanner, if you have registered your name, you can collect your pass from the Security Desk in the Marble Foyer. This pass will allow you to enter the media conference and the afternoon tea that will occur after the event. You will need to display this pass and wear it when entering the Main Committee Room.

### *Accessing the Senate Gallery*

Head to the first floor to access the Senate Gallery. You do not require a ticket or a pass to enter the gallery. There are many seats available. Try to arrive by 4pm to ensure that you have time to get seated before tabling begins.

### *Accessing the Main Committee Room*

After leaving the Senate Gallery, stay on the first floor and make your way to the Main Committee Room. You will need to wear your pass in order to get into the room. If you haven't collected your pass, go back down stairs to the security desk.



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*Counselling Services*

The Community Affairs Committee has organised for counselling services to be available on the afternoon of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Feb in Parliament House. More information will be available on the day.

We welcome you to Parliament House and look forward to seeing you on the day.

Kind Regards

Senator Rachel Siewert  
Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee