



# Media release

## Legal and Social Issues Committee

### Organ and tissue donation inquiry to hold first public hearings

On Monday 19 June and Friday 23 June, the Legislative Assembly's Legal and Social Issues Committee will hold public hearings for its inquiry into increasing the number of registered organ and tissue donors.

On Monday from 9 am the Committee will hear from DonateLife Victoria, Alfred Health, Lions Eye Donation Service, Lifeblood, the Leukaemia Foundation and experts from La Trobe University.

On Friday from 9 am, a range of witnesses will provide evidence including the Australian Organ and Tissue Authority, Deaf Victoria, the Islamic Council of Victoria and the Multicultural Centre for Women's Health.

Dr Beatriz Domínguez-Gil, the General Director of Spain's Organización Nacional de Trasplantes will appear from 4 pm. Spain has been the global leader in organ donation for nearly three decades.

"It is important for the Committee to hear from sector experts with firsthand knowledge of organ and tissue donations, including some of the barriers to becoming a registered donor," Committee Chair Ella George said.

"The first round of public hearings includes witnesses not only from Victorian and Australian organisations, but also from Spain, who are considered world leaders in organ and tissue donations."

You can [watch the live broadcast](#) of the public hearings from 9 am to 4:15 pm on Monday 19 June and from 9 am to 4:30 pm on Friday 23 June.

The full hearing schedules, terms of reference and other inquiry related information are available on the Committee's [website](#).

Victoria has the second lowest registration rate of all states and territories, despite most Australians supporting organ and tissue donation. Through hearings, the Committee is seeking to identify different ways to increase the number of registered donors in Victoria.

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