



Media release

Legal and Social Issues Committee

Data on people using family violence hearings set for Melbourne and Geelong

The Legislative Assembly Legal and Social Issues Committee will hold three days of hearings next week for its inquiry into the collection of data related to people who use family violence in Victoria, starting on Monday 5 August.

“We need to do more to identify people using or at risk of using family violence. It is important for the Committee to hear from sector experts what opportunities there are to ensure we are capturing valuable data on the profile of people who are choosing to use violence,” Committee Chair Ella George, said.

The Committee is seeking input on the mechanisms for capturing data on the profile and volume of people using family violence in Victoria and what additional data could help achieve a full understanding of this cohort.

The Committee is also seeking to understand more about the barriers to collecting this data and how they can be overcome.

In Melbourne from 10:05 am on Monday 5 August and 9 am on Tuesday 6 August the Committee will hear from a wide range of organisations.

The full schedule of witnesses is available on the Committee’s [website](#) and includes representatives of family violence and sexual assault services, CALD communities, youth services, older Victorians, rural communities and others.

These hearings will be open to the public and livestreamed on the Committee’s [website](#).

On Wednesday 7 August a hearing will be held at the Eastern Hub Geelong from 9:30 am until approximately 3 pm.

The Committee will hear from organisations representing disability rights groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, rural health services and others.

This hearing will be open to the public but will not be broadcast.

Transcripts of all hearings will be made available on the Committee’s website at a later date.

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