

## Lions Eye Donation Service, Melbourne

Answer to question taken on notice, provided 12 July 2023:

### Question 1

'Firstly, and this is one for notice, today you have provided a lot of different data about things taking place in Victoria and nationally and internationally. Is that something you would be happy to share with members in a written format?' (p. 42)

### Evidence for submitting:

#### Links:

- Effective (and hilarious) USA Donatelifelife Campaign: <https://www.adsoftheworld.com/campaigns/the-world-s-biggest-asshole>
- History of the Lions Eye Donation Service (at the Centre for Eye Research Australia, in partnership with the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital): <https://www.cera.org.au/lions-eye-donation-service/a-history-of-the-lions-eye-donation-service-leds/>
- Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand: <https://ebaanz.org/>
- Lions Clubs International – List of all eye banks around the world, including Melbourne. <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/links-to-lions-eye-bank>
- Donatelifelife's new national 'Eye and Tissue Donation Awareness Week' Campaign page for 2023: <https://www.donatelifelife.gov.au/get-involved/eye-and-tissue-donation-awareness>
  - This new campaign was launched in 2022, designed to become a long-term annual event. It is led by Donatelifelife and supported by the eye and tissue banks and associations. It was developed at the request of the eye and tissue sector to help raise awareness of tissues because the public (and media) tend only to think of organs.

#### Attached published papers:

- Gain et al. (2015).
  - This paper describes the global 12.7M need for transplantation, as well as the import and export of corneas.
- Machin.H. et al. (various 2019 – 2021)
  - This collection covers everything from: the history of eye banking in Australia; defining what need-demand-supply-surplus means; how the system works; export practice and need; transparency; and research allocation – as well as a range of recommendations and opinions from the Australian public and the Australian and International eye and tissue and eye care sectors. While the title themes for these papers may say 'covid' or 'export' the narrative and key points within the papers cover the majority of the key points Bronwyn and I made throughout the session.
- Lions Clubs International Eye Bank Guidelines
  - This provides greater understanding of the standards and requirements of eye banks around the world, to maintain their 'Lions' status. Our eye bank is an active global member of the Lions Clubs International Eye Bank Working Group. This offers our team greater global connectivity and resource sharing with Lions Eye Banks around the world.
- Pollock G. (2013). The Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand - Origins, History, Activity and Future.
  - This paper provides an historic overview of the eye bank association. The link to the association's current website is listed above under 'links'.