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The Committee is:

1. assessing the practices currently being utilised within the medical community to assist a person to exercise their preferences for the way they want to manage their end of life, including the role of palliative care;
2. reviewing the current framework of legislation, proposed legislation and other relevant reports and materials in other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions; and
3. considering what type of legislative change may be required, including an examination of any federal laws that may impact such legislation.

Other inquiries

- Inquiry into Machinery of Government Changes
- Inquiry into the Children, Youth and Families Amendment (Restrictions on the Making of Protection Orders) Bill 2015

Programme – Parliament House, Melbourne

Date Wednesday 14 October 2015

Venue Legislative Council Committee Room, Parliament House

Time	Witnesses
10.00 am	Alzheimers Australia Vic. Maree McCabe, Chief Executive Officer Dr. David Sykes, General Manager, Learning and Development
10.45 am	Council of the Ageing Vic. Sue Hendy, Chief Executive Officer Janet Wood, Former President
11.30 am	Lachlan Smith Personal Capacity
1.00 pm	Dying With Dignity Vic. Lesley Vick, President Dr. Rodney Syme, Vice President
1.45 pm	Institute for Judaism and Civilization Rabbi Dr. Shimon Cowen, Director
2.30 pm	Melbourne City Mission Tracey Mander, Manager Palliative Care Deborah Fewster, Head of Policy, Advocacy and Government Relations
3.15 pm	Royal Children's Hospital Dr Jenny Hynson, Head, Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Program



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Role of the committee

The Legal and Social Issues Committee is one of three Standing Committees appointed by the Parliament of Victoria's Legislative Council.

The Committee has eight members, representing government and opposition parties.

The function of the Committee is to inquire into and report on any proposal, matter or thing concerned with community services, education, gaming, health, and law and justice.

Committee Inquiries result in policy recommendations to the Victorian Government and can lead to legislative change.

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Members of the committee



Hon Edward O'Donohue MP (Chair)

LIBERAL PARTY | Eastern Victoria

Edward O'Donohue has served as Member of the Eastern Victoria Region since 2006. He was a solicitor and barrister then a director of a real estate and project management company. He held numerous Ministerial positions under the Napthine Ministry. He currently serves as Shadow Minister for Police, Shadow Minister for Community Safety, and Shadow Minister for Corrections.



Ms Margaret Fitzherbert MP

LIBERAL PARTY | Southern Metropolitan

Chair of the Board of the Royal Women's Hospital, Margaret worked in senior communications roles at the ANZ and the National Australia Bank. A previous adviser to two Federal ministers, Margaret is currently Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Women's Health and Rural and Regional Health. She has published extensively on women and politics.



Mr Daniel Mulino MP

LABOR PARTY | Eastern Victoria

Daniel has a PhD in economics from Yale and much of his career has been spent working in the area of economic policy. He served as advisor to Senator Jacinta Collins, Premier Steve Bracks, Treasurer John Lenders and Leader of the Opposition, Bill Shorten. He was a former Casey City councillor.



Mrs Inga Peulich MP

LIBERAL PARTY | South-Eastern Metropolitan

Born in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Inga has served both the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for 18 years. With a 30-year involvement in small business, Inga has also served as a councillor in the South East and began her political life as a childcare activist. She is Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and for Scrutiny of Government.



Ms Nina Springle MP (Deputy Chair)

VICTORIAN GREENS | South-Eastern Metropolitan

In 2014 Nina became the first Greens MP to represent the South Eastern Metropolitan Region in Victoria's Parliament. Nina has worked as a consultant in the community and education sector. She is the Victorian Greens spokesperson for Families and Children, Multicultural Affairs, Women and Family Violence Protection.



Mr Cesar Melhem MP

LABOR PARTY | Western Metropolitan

Born in Lebanon, Cesar migrated to Australia at the age of 23. Before entering Parliament in 2013, Cesar served in the Australian Workers Union including 7 years as the elected State Secretary. Cesar is also a former director of a superannuation provider and of a financial services organisation.



Ms Fiona Patten MP

AUSTRALIAN SEX PARTY | Northern Metropolitan

Fiona is the leader of the Australian Sex Party. She has been a lobbyist for sex worker rights, online anti-censorship, HIV/AIDS, disability rights and drugs. She has held positions on the Board of the AIDS Action Council, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations Committee and is a Director for the Adult Industry Copyright Organisation.



Ms Jaclyn Symes MP

LABOR PARTY | Northern Victoria

The former legal and justice adviser to current Premier Daniel Andrews, Jaclyn has worked on dealing with Victoria's ice crisis. She also worked for the Australian Services Union.