Inquiry into end of life choices

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.

Programme – Melbourne

Date Thursday 23 July 2015

Venue Legislative Council Committee Room, Parliament House

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| 9:30 – 10:30am   | Professor Paul Komesaroff  
                Director, Centre for Ethics in Medicine & Society, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences  
                Monash University |
| 10:30 – 11:30am  | Professor Hal Swerissen  
                College of Science, Health and Engineering  
                La Trobe University (Bendigo Campus)  
                Fellow, Health Program  
                Grattan Institute |
| 11:30 – 12:30pm  | Professor Loane Skene  
                Director of Studies, Health and Medical Law, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences  
                University of Melbourne |
| 1:00 – 2:30pm    | Ms Frances Diver  
                Deputy Secretary, Health Service Performance and Programs  
                Ms Jackie Kearney  
                Manager Continuing Care, Health Service Programs  
                Ms Simone Corin  
                Director, Health Services Programs  
                Ms Pauline Ireland  
                Director, Health Review and Regulation  
                Department of Health and Human Services |
| 2:30 – 3:30pm    | Dr Michelle Gold  
                Director, Palliative Care  
                Alfred Hospital  
                Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine  
                Royal Australasian College of Physicians |
| 3:30 – 4:30pm    | Associate Professor William Silvester  
                Director of the Respecting Patient Choices Program  
                Austin Health, Victoria  
                President  
                International Society of Advance Care Planning and End of Life Care |

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
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.

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 Inga Peulich MP
LABOR PARTY | Northern Victoria
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.

Mr 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.

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