

INFERTILITY TREATMENT AUTHORITY

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PURPOSES OF THIS REPORT

This Annual Report is submitted in compliance with Section 137 of the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995* (the Act).

The reporting period for the fifth Annual Report is:

- 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 for the licences, approvals, exemptions and accounts;
- 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001 for all other activities.

Whistleblower Protection Act 2001

As the Infertility Treatment Authority is a small public body, staff and members are advised to make his or her whistleblower disclosure directly to the Ombudsman.

Where the Ombudsman determines such a disclosure to be a 'public interest disclosure', as a general rule, the Ombudsman would not refer the matter back to the Authority for investigation.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



I have had the privilege of having a long association with the regulation of infertility treatment, both as a member of the Hospital Approval Advisory Panel under the *Infertility (Medical Procedures) Act 1984*, a foundation member of the Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee of the Fertility Society of Australia, and since my time as a member of the Authority. It is a great honour to assume the responsibility of Chairperson, which I did in September 2001. The task of following in the footsteps of Emeritus Professor Waller was in itself a challenge. My appointment as Chairperson coincided with an unprecedented public interest and activity focusing on the regulation of infertility treatment.

This Report captures much of that activity. The high level of public interest in the use of reproductive technology, and also the research directions concerning human embryos are an indication of the need to ensure that reports such as this not only provide a clear public perspective, on developments in the technology, but also provide evidence of how the public interest is protected through regulation during those developments.

My appointment coincided with public attention about who should receive infertility treatment. Although not a direct responsibility of the Authority, there was also enormous interest in the development of embryonic stem cell research and how that might be regulated in the future. These

are ethically complex issues which need to be debated and discussed in the community, and involve the Authority. In line with the Authority's responsibility to advise the Minister of Health on any developments in infertility treatment and research, the Authority has held briefing sessions with members of the profession and interested groups to address this need. The Chief Executive Office and I have taken many such opportunities.

The primary task of the Infertility Treatment Authority is to administer the provisions of the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995*. The Authority is a small organisation with a high public profile. The work of the Authority is undertaken by a relatively small group of dedicated people who are appointed on the basis of their expertise. These are an extremely hard working group, and unlike other boards where they are supported by a large organisation and a significant amount of administrative support, these members are indeed working members. To my colleagues, and in particular to the Deputy Chairperson, Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, I extend my thanks for enabling the smooth passage of my transition from a member of the Authority to the Chairperson's role. To each and every member of the Authority I also extend my thanks for their significant contribution and the sacrifice of time that they take from either their primary workplace or their family commitments to ensure that this Authority operates with the highest level of transparency, integrity and efficiency. The Rev. Prof. Anthony Fisher completed his term at the end of December, 2001. His contribution has been important and significant. The Authority welcomed two new members, Professor Henry Burger and

Dr Hayden Ramsay, whose expertise will strengthen and enrich the deliberations. The Authority is particularly indebted to Ms Helen Szoke, the Chief Executive Office, for her very effective guidance and management, which is greatly valued by the Authority. I extend also our thanks to the small administrative staff which ensure that we are able to do our job as efficaciously as is necessary.

In closing my first Chairperson's Report for this the fifth Annual Report of the Infertility Treatment Authority, I would like to pay particular tribute to Emeritus Professor Louis Waller. Elsewhere in this Report we have acknowledged Louis' significant contribution to the policy debates concerning the regulation of assisted reproduction and also to the administration of regulatory structures, both as Chairperson of the Standing Review and Advisory Committee on Infertility from 1984 – 1994, and then as the inaugural Chairperson of the Infertility Treatment Authority. We were delighted, in conjunction with the Minister for Health, to farewell Louis, in Queens Hall at Parliament House. It was a fitting farewell and a fitting acknowledgment of the major contribution that Louis has made to this area. I thank him for his leadership, for his work and for his ongoing support as a consultant to the Authority.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Jock Findlay'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Professor Jock Findlay AM
Chairperson

CEO'S REPORT



The year 2001 has proved yet again to be a complex and demanding year for the work of the Authority. This Report reflects those demands and reflects the increasing public interest in this important area of bioethical endeavour. The year 2001 saw a significant transition for the Authority, not only with the passage of members who finished their terms of office but also with the passage of the Inaugural Chairperson of the Authority, Professor Louis Waller. It was indeed a great privilege for me to work as Chief Executive Officer to Louis during his time as Chairperson, and I am delighted that we have a continuing association with him.

The Authority was supported in its endeavours not only by the members but by the efforts of the expert panels which have been established. Members of these panels provide their assistance on a voluntary basis and often at very short notice to meet the Authority's requirements to provide a speedy response to many applications which come before us. The year 2001 saw the establishment of two additional panels, a panel of experts to provide ethical advice to the Authority on specific issues, and also a panel of people to facilitate the work of the Authority in maintaining and developing its Central and Voluntary registers. The establishment of this panel is an acknowledgment of the pioneering work which has been done in relation to establishing registers which protect access to birth origin information,

not only for offspring, but also for families and for donors. This information is released under different conditions depending on the statutory requirements of the registers.

The Authority has a very small administrative staff, some of whom work part time. The Authority is delighted that Mr Ross Adams is still able to facilitate our data collection process for this Annual Report. This is outlined in the section on Outcome of Treatment Procedures in Victoria. The internal policies and procedures processes for the databases have been significantly enhanced through the work of Mr Ron Kochskamper from Kochteck Ltd. Ms Sarah Davis is involved in data entry on a regular basis, and has worked closely with Ron on the audit of the 1984 Central Register. Miss Jill Smithson continued to provide thorough administrative assistance until early in 2002. This position has been restructured and we are delighted to have Ms Kate Ellis providing office management for the Authority and administrative assistance to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Authority looks forward to a year of continued interest and continuing engagement in the ethical, social and legal debates surrounding the use of reproductive technology and further challenges as these unfold.

Helen Szoke
Chief Executive Officer



**Emeritus
Professor Louis
Waller AO**

Chairman of the Committee to investigate the social, ethical and legal issues arising from in vitro fertilisation 1982–1984.

Chairman of the Standing Review and Advisory Committee on Infertility 1984–1994.

Chairperson of the Infertility Treatment Authority 1995–2001.

The past and present members of the Infertility Treatment Authority acknowledge the significant contribution to the regulation of reproductive technology made by Emeritus Professor Louis Waller. Louis' leadership of the Authority has greatly assisted the development of its capacity to deal with changes in technology, legal challenges and international and national discussion on issues such as cloning and embryo stem cell research. The use of reproductive technology in treatment and research attracts strong views and opinions. The administration of the Act has commanded the respect of those who are subject to the regulation, and Louis brought great warmth and concern to all of the responsibilities which the Authority exercises. We have been privileged to serve with Louis and have benefited from his experience, wisdom and guidance. Past and present members of the Authority express our admiration and sincere best wishes to Louis on the occasion of his retirement as the first Chairperson of the Infertility Treatment Authority.



MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Authority are nominated by the Minister for Health and the appointments are made by the Governor-in-Council. Section 123 of the Act states that in making nominations to the Governor-in-Council, the Minister must have regard to the need for diversity and expertise.

The following summarises the membership of the Authority during 2001. Membership changes were made in March and December 2001 and April 2002, and two new members have been included in this list.



Professor John (Jock) Findlay AM

Chairperson of the Authority from 11/09/01–31/03/03

Term of membership expires 31 March 2003.

Professor Findlay is the Deputy Director of the Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research, and an NH & MRC Senior Principal Research Fellow. He is also the Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group of the Special Program of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction of The World Health Organisation, and a member of editorial boards of several internationally recognised scientific journals.



Dame Margaret Guilfoyle DBE

Deputy Chairperson

Term of membership expires 1 January 2003.

The Hon Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, DBE, was a senator for Victoria from 1971-1987. During that time she was Minister for Education, Social Security and Finance, holding ministerial portfolios from 1975-1983. Dame Margaret holds numerous appointments to government and non-government bodies in the areas of the arts, education, justice and health.



Emeritus Professor Louis Waller AO

Chairperson

Emeritus Professor of Law, Monash University

Term of membership expired 10 September 2001.

Professor Louis Waller AO, FASSA, retired in December 2000 from the Sir Leo Cussen Chair of Law at Monash University, a post to which he was appointed in 1965. He has held many posts including the first Chairman of the Law Reform Commission of Victoria, Chairman of the Victorian Government's Committee on The Social, Ethical and Legal Issues Arising from IVF, the first Chairman of The Standing Review Advisory Committee on Infertility. He retired as the Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in May 2000.



Professor Henry Burger AO

Term of membership expires 29 April 2004.

Professor Burger was Director of Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research and Director of Monash Medical Centre's Dept. of Endocrinology until December 31 1998. He is an Honorary Professorial Fellow in the Faculty of Medicine, Monash University. Professor Burger is a reproductive endocrinologist, with extensive experience in the management of infertile couples. He is active in the field of menopausal medicine, and was President of the International Menopause Society. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science and is a member of the editorial board of several international scientific journals.



Professor C.A.J. (Tony) Coady

Term of membership expired 31 March 2001.

Professor Tony Coady FAHA is a Senior Research Fellow of the Australian Research Council and the Director of the Centre for Philosophy and Public Ethics at the University of Melbourne. Prior to appointment as Senior Research Fellow (and Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne) in 1998, he was Boyce Gibson Professor of Philosophy at the University of Melbourne. He was Chair of the Humanities Large Grants Panel of the Australian Research Council, and Chair of the Philosophy, Religion and History of Ideas Electoral Panel of the Australian Academy of Humanities.



The Very Rev Professor Anthony Fisher OP

Term of membership expired 1 January 2002.

The Very Rev Professor Anthony Fisher was the Episcopal Vicar for Healthcare, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne until June 2002, and is the Director of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family. Before taking up his appointment as Director in July 2000, he was a lecturer at the Australian Catholic University where he taught healthcare ethics and law. He was a member of several hospital ethics committees during his time on the Authority.



Dr Hayden Ramsay

Term of membership expires 29 April 2004.

Dr Hayden Ramsay is a senior lecturer in philosophy both at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family and at the Catholic Theological College. He undertook his post graduate degree at the University of Edinburgh. He has published extensively in the area of ethics which remains his main field of research. He has held positions of lecturer in philosophy at the Universities of Edinburgh, Stirling, Melbourne and La Trobe.



Mr Michael Gorton

Term of membership expires 31 March 2003.

Mr Michael Gorton is the President of the Health Services Review Council. Michael is the National President of Greening Australia; the Victorian President of the United Nations Association of Australia; and is currently the Co-Chair of the Reconciliation Victoria Inc. He was, until 1999, Victoria's first permanent male Commissioner with the Victorian Equal Opportunity Commission. Michael is a partner at Russell Kennedy Solicitors.



Dr Heather Wellington

Term of membership expires 31 March 2003.

Dr Heather Wellington is a medical practitioner with a background in health care management, law and policy. She is currently working as a health law and policy consultant with the national law firm Corrs Chambers Westgarth. In addition, she is a member of the Australian Council for Safety and Quality in Health Care, a Director of Barwon Water and a regional private health insurer (GMHBA). She is also Chair of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, and a Councillor for Coryule Ward in the City of Greater Geelong.



Dr Christine McDonald

Term of membership expired 31 March 2001.

Dr Christine McDonald is a senior respiratory physician at The Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre in Heidelberg. She is a member of the Ministerial Asthma Working Party, Past Chair of the Specialist Advisory Committee in Thoracic Medicine, and past Medical Vice-President of the Asthma Foundation of Victoria. She is also a Board member of the Institute for Breathing and Sleep, and a member of the Australian Medical Workforce Advisory Committee in Thoracic Medicine. She has an interest in ethics in medicine.



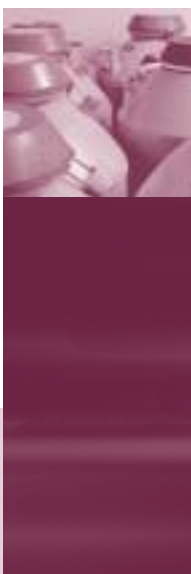
Dr Leeanda Wilton

Term of membership expires 1 January 2004.

Dr Leeanda Wilton is the Head of the Genetic and Molecular Research Laboratory with Melbourne IVF at the Freemasons Hospital and the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne. She spent some years working on mammalian embryology at London Zoo. Her initial embryology training was undertaken at the Centre for Early Human Development at Monash Medical Centre.



The Authority is staffed by a Chief Executive Officer, Ms Helen Szoke. Other staff include Ms Kate Ellis, Personal Assistant, Ms Sarah Davis, Register Data Entry and Audit worker and utilises the services of Kochtech Pty Ltd, with principal consultant Mr Ron Kochskamper. Mr Ross Adams has maintained responsibility for the collection of data for the Annual Report.





AIM AND FUNCTIONS

The Infertility Treatment Authority is established under the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995* as an independent, statutory authority, whose role is to regulate assisted reproductive technology in Victoria.

The Authority seeks to:

- promote community understanding of the complex issues involved in the treatment of infertility;
- ensure that appropriate information and counselling are available to those who seek treatment;
- assist in the smooth provision of healthcare by the treatment institutions;
- gather and store information relevant to the proper regulation and broad oversight of the provisions of reproductive assistance and to release that information, where necessary;
- report to the Parliament under the terms of the Act.

The work of the Authority is informed by the four guiding principles which are enunciated in the Act in descending order of importance and application.

These principles are:

- The welfare and interest of any person born or to be born as a result of a treatment procedure are paramount.
- Human life should be preserved and protected.
- The interests of the family should be considered.
- Infertile couples should be assisted in fulfilling their desire to have children.

These principles inform the application of the Act to the practices of infertility treatment in Victoria. The Act contains many protections and restrictions in order to meet these guiding principles.

The specific functions of the Authority are:

- licensing of places for treatment and for approved research;
- approval of practitioners, including doctors, counsellors and clinical and research scientists;
- maintenance of statutory time limits in relation to the storage of sperm, eggs and embryos for use in treatment procedures;
- approval of the bringing into Victoria or the taking out of Victoria of sperm, eggs or embryos;
- maintenance of registers related to donor treatment procedures;
- monitoring and reporting of information about assisted reproductive technology within this State, through the Annual Report to the Minister for Health;
- approval of research as required under the Act.

The Authority produces Conditions and Guidelines for licensed places and people involved with assisted reproduction. These Conditions and Guidelines are reviewed and revised on a regular basis.

COMMITTEES

Section 135 of the Act provides that the Authority may set up one or more Committees of Members of the Authority. A full meeting of the Authority was held on twelve occasions.

The Authority has established the following Committees:

Annual Report Committee

This committee has responsibility for the production of the Annual Report to the Minister for Health and the Parliament of Victoria. The committee also reviews the policy and procedures in relation to data collection, and the commissioning of data from licensed places. This committee met six times during 2001.

Conflict of Interest Committee

A Conflict of Interest statement has been produced and accepted by the Authority, and forms the basis of monitoring the activities of the Authority in an ongoing manner. The committee has not been required to meet in the reporting period. However, conflict of interest declarations are made at the committee and full meetings of the Authority as necessary, and reflected in the minutes. Where necessary, members absent themselves from discussions and decisions.

Finance and Personnel Committee

This committee comprises the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson and has the responsibility of monitoring the budget and overseeing personnel issues. This committee met on six occasions in 2001.

This committee is also constituted as the Remuneration Committee, for the purposes of reviewing the CEO's salary and performance.

Licensing and Approval Committee

The members of this committee have responsibility for ensuring that the conditions for licence are met in relation to the licences and approvals which have been issued by the Authority. In addition, the committee has instituted audit processes of licensed places. During 2001, the committee met on ten occasions and was also responsible for the completion of eight site visits for the purposes of licensing.

Research Committee

This committee met on nine occasions during 2001, and included in their role was the review of existing guidelines. The committee has responsibility for monitoring human embryo research activity and notifications of changes in clinical procedures and research initiatives.

Storage Committee

This committee meets on a regular basis to assess applications for the extension of storage time for gametes and embryos, and for applications to import and export gametes and embryos into and out of Victoria. It continues to facilitate the identification and location of people who have embryos in storage in excess of five years, where the clinic has not been able to contact them. The committee met eleven times during 2001.

In addition, two working groups met during 2001. The Registers Working Group organised the launch of the Voluntary Register, convened a Registers Panel, and oversaw the audit and development of policies and procedures for the Central Registers. The Community Development Working Group facilitated the conduct of a number of seminars and symposia outlined following.





PANELS OF ADVISERS

The Authority has convened three panels to facilitate its work. Specific advice is sought from individual members of panels, as determined by the issue. The panels are reviewed at the start of each calendar year, to ascertain the ongoing interest of members, and to ensure relevant advice is available to the Authority. The panel members are subject to the same strict requirements in relation to confidentiality and security of information as Authority members. The final decision on matters of policy remains with members of the Infertility Treatment Authority.

These panels contribute significantly to the work of the Authority in administering the provisions of the Act. The Authority wishes to publicly acknowledge their significant contribution.

Medical and Scientific Panel

The following people with specific clinical and scientific expertise assist the Authority in deliberations relating to research and significant innovations in clinical practice. The Panel's role is:

- provision of up to date information on general matters relating to reproductive technology;
- response to questions of a technical nature on request by the Authority;
- provision of technical advice to the Research and Licensing Committees of the Authority on related fields of investigation.

The following people agreed to participate as clinical and scientific expert advisers for the Authority during 2001, on matters related to their clinical or research field:

Associate Professor Agnes Bankier
Genetic Health Services Victoria

Professor David de Kretser AO
Monash University

Dr David Edgar
Reproductive Biology Unit, Royal Women's Hospital

Dr Sean Flaherty
Scientific Consultant based in Adelaide

Dr R J McKinlay (Mac) Gardner
Genetic Health Services Victoria

Professor David L Healy
Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Monash University

Dr Jan Liebelt
SA Clinical Genetics Service

Associate Professor Robert I Mc Lachlan
Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research

Professor Colin Matthews
Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Adelaide

Professor Alan Trounson
Institute of Reproduction and Development, Monash University

Dr Beverley Vollenhoven
Monash IVF

Professor Robert Williamson
Murdoch Childrens' Research Institute

Ethics Panel

The Infertility Treatment Authority determined that in addition to clinical and scientific expertise there was merit in convening a panel of people with specific expertise in moral philosophy and bioethics. The members of the panel, who have training and demonstrated competency in ethics, are required to be in a position to provide timely advice to the Authority on matters that relate to the complex ethical issues associated with the work of the regulatory body. The current membership of the ethics panel is as follows:

Dr Leslie Cannold
*Centre For Philosophy and Public Ethics,
University of Melbourne*

Ms Margaret Coady
University of Melbourne

Ms Giuliana Fuscaldo
*Centre for the Study of Health and Society,
University of Melbourne*

Dr Lynn Gillam
*Centre for the Study of Health and Society,
University of Melbourne*

Associate Professor Helga Kuhse
*School of Philosophy Linguistics and Bio
Ethics, Monash University*

Reverend Alan Nichols
Consultant Ethicist

Reverend Dr Christopher Pullin
Consultant Bio Ethicist

Professor Julian Savulescu
*Ethics Unit, Murdoch Childrens' Research
Institute*

Dr Nicholas Tonti-Filippini
Consultant Ethicist

Registers Panel

In addition to the other expert panels, external input was required to facilitate the work of the Authority in maintaining birth registers. This included both the Central Registers under the *Infertility (Medical Procedure) Act 1994* and the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995*. Membership of the panel was invited to facilitate the work of the Authority in the following way:

- review the security of information processes, auditing of data entry, record keeping protocols and guidelines; to provide advice in relation to donor linking processes including approval of donor linking counsellors; monitoring processes around accessing information from the registers; giving out information and fulfilling the statutory requirements on the Authority;
- providing support in fulfilling these functions including the stages of the searching processes;
- assistance in promotion of the voluntary register and management of the information request associated with that register.

Members of this panel are:

Ms Jenny Blood
*Reproductive Biology Unit, The Royal
Women's Hospital*

Mr Ian Bowler
Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Ms Fiona Bruinsma
*Centre for the Study of Mothers' and
Children's Health*

Ms Margaret Campi
*Victorian Standing Committee on Adoption
and Alternative Family*

Ms Maureen Cleary
Adoption Information Service

Ms Romana Rossi
Donor Conception Support Group

Ms Gillian Thomas
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The Registers Panel provides a forum in which to canvass all the issues outlined above, and to make recommendations about the promotion of the Voluntary Registers.

Specialist Consultant Clinician

Professor Henry Burger was appointed as the consultant clinician to the Authority in 2000. He has undertaken specific clinical audits on behalf of the Authority, as outlined below, and provided advice to the Authority on specific clinical matters.





LICENSING AND APPROVALS

The Infertility Treatment Authority has responsibility for the administration of the licensing and approval system under the Act. In Victoria, a licence is required to undertake a range of activities, including:

- A treatment procedure, which includes in vitro fertilisation (IVF), gamete intrafallopian fertilisation transfer (GIFT) and donor insemination (DI);
- Storage of gametes and embryos.

An application for a licence may be made by a legal person at a public hospital, which is a statutory corporation, or a denominational or private hospital, or a day procedure centre, and will be in respect of those specified premises.

The licensing process, where possible, is undertaken in tandem with accreditation by the Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee (RTAC) of the Fertility Society of Australia (FSA). This ensures that technical, scientific and clinical aspects are addressed through the RTAC process, and adherence to the legal provisions of the Act is assessed by the Authority.

A list of places which have been licensed is outlined in Appendix 1.

The approval requirements under the Act apply to doctors, counsellors and clinical and research scientists. In the case of doctors, the Authority requires the Medical Practitioners Board registration number and the names of two referees. In the case of clinical and research scientists, two referees are required. Counsellors are currently required to be members of Australian and New Zealand Infertility Counsellors' Association (ANZICA), to have appropriate qualifications and to nominate two referees.

To date the following applications have been approved:

Counsellors	27
Clinical Scientists	57
Doctors	45
Research Scientists	4

Appendices 2 – 5 list approvals under the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995*.

Licensing Visits

The Authority participated with the Reproductive Technology Accreditation Committee in site visits which were conducted at Monash IVF at Epworth Hospital, Monash IVF at Monash Private Surgical Hospital Pty Ltd, Mildura Reproductive Medicine Clinic at the Mildura Private Hospital, the Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre at the Mercy Hospital for Women. In addition the Authority undertook a site visit at the Central Wellington Health Service at Sale where Monash IVF operates a satellite clinic and the sites of other satellite clinics from Monash IVF, including the Bendigo Hospital and Ballarat Health Service. The outcome of these site visits was reflected in the licensing information which is included in Appendix 1.

Issues Associated with Access to Infertility Treatment

On the 28th July 2000 the Federal Court ruled that the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995* was no longer able to impose a marriage requirement on those women seeking infertility treatment. This related specifically to the provisions of Section 8(a) in the Act, which requires that a doctor must be satisfied on reasonable grounds from an examination or from treatment he or she has carried out that the

women is unlikely to become pregnant, other than by a treatment procedure. The ruling from the Federal Court was challenged by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference at a Direction's Hearing for the High Court held on the 30th April 2001. The case was referred for a hearing of the full bench of the High Court. This hearing, 'Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Anor, ex parte-Sundberg Anor', was heard in the High Court on the 4th September 2001. The hearing was completed on the 6th September 2001. The effect of the judgement, which was brought down in March 2002, is to maintain the current eligibility requirements in relation to who is eligible to receive infertility treatment in Victoria, as determined in the earlier Federal Court decision. For the purposes of this Annual Report these requirements are outlined below:

1. The requirements of Section 8(3)(a) and (b) of the *Infertility Treatment Act* 1995 remain valid, except where they refer to the requirement for a husband. To this extent the person who may undergo treatment must provide consent, and must either meet the requirement that "...a doctor must be satisfied, on reasonable grounds, from the examination or from treatment he or she has carried out, that the woman is unlikely to become pregnant from an oocyte produced by her other than by a treatment procedure"; or that it is necessary to avoid the transmission of a genetic abnormality or a disease. Legal advice sought by the Authority confirms that while the marriage requirement is inoperative, as it is inconsistent with the *Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act*

1984, nothing in the declaration made by Justice Sundberg excludes the continuing statutory requirement for infertility. Therefore the requirement for a diagnosis of clinical infertility remains.

2. Where a married or heterosexual defacto couple is commencing treatment, the existing provisions remain in force. Thus, such a couple may be treated where male infertility is identified as the cause of their need for access. The information, counselling, consent and record keeping requirement as described in the Act will remain in force. Where a single woman meets the eligibility requirements outlined in Section 8 of the Act, she also will be subject to the information, counselling, consent and record keeping requirements.

In addition to the question of eligibility being raised through the court systems, the Federal Government has proposed an amendment to the *Sex Discrimination Act* 1984. In February 2001 the Australian Senate and Legal Constitutional Reference and Legislation Committee convened consultations for the Inquiry into Sex Discrimination Amendment Bill (No 1. 2000). The CEO attended the consultations at that time. The Committee subsequently recommended that the Act should not be amended. The Bill was reintroduced into the House of Representatives in June 2002.

Auditing of Licensed Places

Professor Henry Burger, then medical consultant to the Authority, undertook audits of Melbourne IVF at its sites at the Freemasons Hospital and the Royal Women's Hospital, Mildura Reproductive Medicine Clinic at the site of the Mildura Private Hospital, and Monash IVF at Epworth Hospital and Monash Private Surgical Hospital Pty Ltd. In all cases the methodology involved the random sampling of medical records, the specific review of records relating to the treatment of single women, and discussions with clinical staff at each of the sites.

The conclusions of the audit processes were that the programs demonstrated a high standard and appropriate compliance with the conditions imposed by the Infertility Treatment Authority.

Training

The Infertility Treatment Authority was approached by a group of practitioners who wished to establish an independent infertility treatment clinic associated with a new day procedure centre to be built in Ballarat. Although the practitioners had experience in the provision of infertility treatment, they were unfamiliar with the legal requirements imposed by the *Infertility Treatment Act* 1995. The Authority conducted orientation and training programs, which provided a useful basis for staff unfamiliar with the operations of the Infertility Treatment Authority, to ensure compliance in the establishment of the new centre. This training program remains available to staff in other centres who wish to update their current knowledge or orientate new staff within the context of the Victorian law.





Other Licensing Matters

The Authority dealt with a range of licensing matters during the course of the calendar year 2001. Most significant of these were the amendment to the *Infertility Treatment Act*. The *Infertility Treatment (Amendment) Act 2001* resulted in three changes to the Act. The first change affected Section 13 of the Act, which previously had required that where a donor wishes to donate his or her gametes, she or he must seek the consent of their spouse, unless they have a divorce. The amendment had the effect of providing the requirement that spouse consent could be waived if the treating doctor was satisfied that the couple were no longer living together on a genuine domestic basis. This requirement brought in parity with the situation of a married person wishing to donate or a person who had previously lived in a de facto relationship.

The second amendment to the Act removed the prohibition on the use of embryos formed from gametes of someone known to be dead. The prohibition on the use of a gamete from someone known to be dead remains. This means that only embryos may be used, where a person who has provided the gametes to form the embryos has died. This amendment to the Act was proposed originally to address the case where embryos were formed from donor sperm and the donor had died. With the effect of the Federal Court decision which allowed some single women to be treated, the amendment took on a broader scope, which allowed women whose husbands or partners had died to also access those existing embryos for use in a treatment procedure. No treatments resulted in a birth during 2001.

The final amendment to the Act, which will be dealt with in greater detail under the Registers' section, provided the Authority with the ability to establish a voluntary register to deal with all donor procedures which pre-date 1st July 1988. This date is significant because the first statutory requirements in Victoria took effect on 1st July 1988.

Other matters that were clarified in the course of 2001 in relation to licensing requirements included the reimbursement rate for gamete donation. Clinics were advised that this rate is \$30 per hour, to cover the cost of travel to a facility and the process of providing the donation.

Revision of Guidelines

The Authority has undertaken a periodic and extensive revision of 'Conditions and Guidelines for Centres.' These changes reflect policy changes arising from legislative amendments or legal advice sought by the Authority. Complete and up to date copies of the Conditions and Guidelines are available on the website at www.ita.org.au.

Privacy Legislation

The *Health Records Act 2001* (Victoria) and the *Information Privacy Act 2000* (Victoria) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) all have some bearing on the work of an agency such as the Infertility Treatment Authority. In relation to the specific statutory responsibilities of the Infertility Treatment Authority it should be noted that the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995* contains a number of provisions where information is required in line with the functions of the Authority. Generally speaking these requirements of the Act are not affected by

the requirements of the Acts outlined above. This is generally the case where the records are viewed or evaluated as part of the licensing process or where aggregated information is given for the purposes of the annual reporting process.

Licensed places are advised, as a precaution, that it may be appropriate during the process of patients giving consent, to alert them to the fact that during the course of a licensing visit, their record may be subject to viewing and evaluation by members of the Authority. It is recommended that licensed places should include a reference in a privacy statement and on consent forms, to disclosure practices, and in particular the fact that access rights may sometimes be afforded to the Authority for the purposes of regulating the licensing of premises for IVF and related procedures, and that patients give their consent to such disclosure.

In those places where specific health information is forwarded to this Authority this will be undertaken in the form of an application from the patient and an application for a specific procedure or in response to a request from the Authority relating to a specific issue. In such cases the release of private health information should be with the consent of the person to whom the information relates. Licensed places should also obtain consent from individuals at the time of the collection of personal information for the disclosure of that information to the Authority if necessary.

STORAGE OF SPERM, EGGS AND EMBRYOS

The *Infertility Treatment Act 1995* requires that embryos must not remain in storage for longer than five years, and gametes longer than ten years, except with the approval of the Authority. The Storage Committee of the Authority considers applications for extension of the storage period on a regular basis.

The Authority acknowledges the significant assistance which the Health Insurance Commission has provided, in contacting people with embryos in storage.

The work of the Storage Committee in consideration of the extension of storage times falls into a number of categories:

- Some applications from people with embryos or gametes in storage are quite straight-forward, and involve considering an application for an extension of the storage time, to allow time for further treatment, to overcome an illness or to consider the option of donating the embryo. These have been approved.
- There are still many cases where embryos have been in storage in excess of five years, and the licensed place has either had difficulty locating the people who placed the embryo in storage, or those people are finding it difficult to make a decision. Often the manifestation of that difficulty is that the people who formed the embryo and placed it in storage do not respond to letters from the licensed places or from the Authority. For those applications where the address is unknown, assistance is sought from the Health Insurance Commission. In other cases, the Authority will notify the people that a

decision must be made, as the licensed place is unable to store the embryos in excess of the statutory storage limits.

- A number of embryos must be withdrawn from storage. In these cases, extensive efforts have been made by both the licensed place and the Authority to locate the people, to offer them options in terms of the future fate of the embryos and facilitate their decision-making.
- In a small number of cases, the application for extension of the storage time for embryos is not approved. These cases will relate to those circumstances where the people who have placed the embryos in storage have separated or divorced, and either are not able to reach a decision about the future of the embryo, or do not wish the embryo to be used by the other party.

The approved staff at Licensed Places, and the officers of the Authority, are mindful of the important status of the stored embryos and gametes, and every effort is made to ensure that decision-making is informed and considered.

In some cases, the extension time for the storage of donor sperm has been subject to conditions. This occurs where sperm has been used to create children in more than ten families. In those cases, the sperm is restricted to future use only for the creation of siblings in those families, or for research purposes.

In 2001, the Storage Committee considered the following applications with the subsequent outcomes:

Applications for Extensions in Storage: Embryos and Sperm

1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001

<i>Storage Type</i>	<i>Number of Applications</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
<i>Own Sperm</i>	2	<i>Approved</i>
<i>Donor Sperm</i>	22	<i>19 Approved</i> <i>3 Approved with conditions</i>
<i>Embryo</i>	154	<i>Approved</i>
	24	<i>Pending</i>

Clinics were also advised that the embryos of 104 people were to be removed from storage as they were no longer required for use in a treatment procedure, and the storage time exceeded five years.

Sperm stored for own use by nine men was also subject to such notification.



IMPORT AND EXPORT OF SPERM AND EMBRYOS



The Authority is required to approve the transfer of embryos and gametes, outside the human body, to and from Victoria. During 2001 the Authority clarified its policy in relation to the application of Section 56 of the Act which relates to the import and export of embryos and gametes. It should be noted that the Authority to date has not approved a class of cases, but has dealt with applications on a case by case basis. The Authority has adopted a general policy. The Authority will consider each application for approval on its merit. Approval will not be given to the export or import of gametes or embryos except in circumstances where the intended use would be consistent with any requirement and restrictions contained in the Act. The Authority is prepared to depart from its policy in exceptional circumstances.

The Authority was unable to approve a number of applications. The reasons for these included:

- Embryos were required for a commercial surrogacy arrangement overseas;
- Donor gametes were from interstate or overseas, where the conditions for approval were not able to be met (that is, the donor had to be counselled about the legal requirements of the Victorian legislation, no payment was made for the gametes, and identifying information about the donor was to be lodged with the treating clinic to enable registration on the Central Register should a live birth result).

The following applications were received:

Applications to Import Sperm and Embryos

1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001

<i>Type of Application</i>	<i>Number of Applications</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
<i>Partner's Sperm</i>	4	<i>Approved</i>
	1	<i>Pending</i>
<i>Donor Sperm</i>	1	<i>Not Approved</i>
	1	<i>Approved</i>
<i>Embryo</i>	11	<i>Approved</i>
<i>Embryos formed from donor sperm or oocytes</i>	1	<i>Approved with conditions</i>
	2	<i>Pending</i>

Applications to Export Sperm and Embryos

1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001

<i>Type of Application</i>	<i>Number of Applications</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
<i>Partner's Sperm</i>	4	<i>Approved</i>
	1	<i>Not Approved</i>
<i>Donor Sperm</i>	5	<i>Approved with conditions</i>
<i>Embryo</i>	13	<i>Approved</i>
<i>Embryos formed from donor sperm or oocytes</i>	4	<i>Approved with conditions</i>

RESEARCH

The requirements of the *Infertility Treatment Act* 1995, as they relate to approved research are quite specific. Section 22 of the Act defines research as including:

- An experimental procedure or a clinical trial;
- The activity of bringing about or attempting to bring about parthenogenesis in an oocyte outside the body of a woman; or forming or attempting to form a parthenogenetic oocyte outside the body of a woman.

The approval of the Authority is required for any research which:

- Involves a living embryo;
- Involves the formation of a zygote for the purposes of research, or the use in research of a zygote originally formed for a treatment procedure;
- Uses a parthenogenetic oocyte.

No notification or approval is required for research on gametes, provided that they are not used to form a zygote, and that consent is given as required in section 36 of the Act. No notification or approval is required for research undertaken on embryos after they have been allowed to succumb.

Research Applications and Notifications

The Authority received one application for approval of human embryo research during the 2001 calendar year. An application which related to the biopsy of human blastocyst to test for chromosomal abnormalities was withdrawn in 2002, and the Authority did not approve the research at that time.

The Authority received the following notifications:

May

Comparative genomic hybridization. Notification of research to be published.

June

Notification of the possible use in the future of PGD for genetic cancer.

August

Notification of the potential use of PGD for a particular procedure.

October

Two notifications of the potential use of PGD for a particular procedure.

The year 2001 was marked by an increase in Federal activity in the development of policy and proposals for legislation relating to cloning and also relating to the use of embryonic stem cells. The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, "Human Cloning. Scientific ethical and regulatory aspects of human cloning and stem cells" reported in October 2001. In that same month the Authority met with the Council of Australian Government (COAG) Implementation Working Group which was conducting a consultation to look at the possibility of nationally consistent

regulation of research involving human embryos. Finally, in the same month the Australian Health Ethics Committee (AHEC) issued a notice of the intention to revise the NHMRC Ethical Guidelines on Assisted Reproduction.

The use of pre-implantation genetic diagnosis and its various applications also became a policy consideration for the Research Committee of the Authority. During 2001 the Authority developed a discussion paper, "Sex Selection for X-Linked Disorders," which was sent to the Ethics Panel and the relevant members of the Clinical and Scientific panel for their consideration. The future uses of PGD will raise many ethical issues. As the technology develops, more opportunities for screening arise. Invariably these issues generate ethical and social considerations in their applications. For this reason it is important that the community is kept abreast of developments in this area.





REGISTERS

The Infertility Treatment Authority has responsibility for maintenance of four registers, following the passage of the *Infertility Treatment (Amendment) Act 2001*. The different functions and access arrangements for each of the registers is outlined below.

1984 Central Register

The Central Register, which was established under the *Infertility (Medical Procedures) Act 1984*, records information about offspring born as a result of donor procedures. The information recorded relates to identifying and non-identifying information about the donor and the offspring at the time of birth and identifying information about the couple. Information that identifies any person on this Register may only be released with the consent of the person to whom it relates.

The total number of registrations on this Register, as at 31 December 2001, is outlined below. The Authority has completed an audit of the 1984 Register to ensure that births and donors placed on this Register are eligible to be included, to avoid duplication of entries, to complete information required on the Register, and to delete those births where registration should not have occurred. This means that the figures reported in the 2001 Annual Report are similar to those outlined below. The key reason for the changes are duplication of entries.

Total Number of Registrations as at 31 December 2001

<i>No. of Donors Registered</i>	<i>No. of Births Registered</i>	<i>No. of Recipient Parents Registered</i>
544	2,040	1,559

During 2001 there were two requests for information from the 1984 Register. The first related to a request for the release of identifying information about the donor who donated sperm. The donor subsequently consented to the release of that information. The second case related to a request for a release of first name, and that request was approved by the donor.

1995 Central Register

The 1995 Register allows access to identifying information by offspring when they turn 18 years of age. This right is conferred unconditionally, the donor consenting to the use of their gametes or embryos on the understanding that this information will be made available if requested. In order to qualify for this Register, the donor must have provided consent to the use of their gametes after 1 January 1998, the date on which the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995* came into full effect. In practice this means that the Authority is accepting applications to both the 1984 Register and the 1995 Register. The entries to the 1995 Register are outlined below.

Total Number of Registrations as at 31 December 2001

<i>No. of Donors Registered</i>	<i>No. of Births Registered</i>	<i>No. of Recipient Parents Registered</i>
74	88	76

Post – 1988 Donor Treatment Procedure Information Register

This Register, which is more commonly known as the Voluntary Register, is set up under the requirements of section 82 of the Act. The purpose of the Register is to allow anyone involved with a donor treatment procedure since July 1988 voluntarily to apply to the Register. The applicant may provide identifying information to be released to other parties specified, or may wish to lodge a photo, a message or any other information which may be of interest to other parties associated with the donor procedure. This Register facilitates communication between half siblings.

The Register was opened in March 2001, by the Minister for Health, the Hon John Thwaites.

Total Number of Registrations as at 31 December 2001

<i>No. of Donors Registered</i>	<i>No. of Offspring Registered</i>	<i>No. of Recipient Parents Registered</i>
11	3	10

Pre-1 July 1988 Donor Treatment Procedure Information Register

The *Infertility Treatment (Amendment) Act* 2001 made provision for the establishment of a voluntary register which applies to those people involved with donor procedures before the 1st July 1988. This date is significant because it marks the proclamation of the first legislation to regulate infertility treatment in Victoria. The Register was established following consistent requests by the Infertility Treatment Authority to have some sort of Register for such enquiries. The Authority has received many unsolicited calls from donors and from families who wish to make use of a mechanism to allow voluntary contact between donors and offspring. Basically the Register will operate in a similar manner to the post-1988 donor treatment procedure information register. There will be some significant differences. The first relates to the difficulty of identifying donors and families through a donor code. As a general rule, the further back in time the procedure was done the less likely that records were complete. The second differentiation is that before 1988 most people involved with donor procedures were not provided with pre-treatment counselling. Therefore should there be any matches or combinations achieved through this Register, the applicants will require counselling before the release of such information. These provisions continue the trend of checks and balances reflected in the legislation. They offer not only some degree of protection of access to birth origin information, but also protection to the individuals involved in the complex process of receiving

information about their birth origin or about the effects of their donation from sometime ago. It is anticipated that this Register will be well utilised and it is hoped that it may provide a linking mechanism for those people who decide they wish to have that information.





COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

In addition to the core work of the Infertility Treatment Authority there are many opportunities to fulfil the Authority's obligations to provide information and to educate the community on aspects of reproductive technology. This work is undertaken through the publication of a regular ITA news, the publication of the Annual Report, the many opportunities where the media seeks responses to various issues and also in the provision of library resources and website facilities to inform the public about the operations of the Infertility Treatment Authority. The Chief Executive Officer and Members of the Authority are also afforded other opportunities either to have input into policy debates or to present information about the work of the Infertility Treatment Authority. These opportunities and involvements are summarised below.

February 2001

Senate and Legal Constitutional Hearing on the proposed amendment to the *Sex Discrimination Act 1994* (Commonwealth) – Melbourne – CEO

March 2001

A briefing of State Parliamentarians on the proposed amendments to the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995* – Chairperson and CEO

March 2001

Presentation to The Royal Women's Hospital Reproductive Biology Unit staff on aspects of regulations in Victoria, Melbourne – CEO

April 2001

The Biotechnology Revolution Conference, Melbourne – CEO and Members

April 2001

Review of Ethics and Education Program of CRC. Discovery for Genes for Common Human Diseases, Melbourne – CEO

April 2001

Lecture to Graduate Diploma of Legal Studies students, La Trobe University, Melbourne – CEO

May 2001

Embryo Stem Cells and Issues Arising in their Regulation, Seminar including Dr Derek Morgan (Cardiff, Wales) and Associate Professor Martin Pera, Melbourne – CEO, Members and invited guests

May 2001

Reception for Dr Susan Greenfield, Director Royal Institute of Great Britain – Government House, Melbourne – CEO

May 2001

Counsellors Breakfast with guest speaker Miss Ruth Schmidt Neven, Centre for Child and Family Development, Melbourne Chairperson, CEO and approved counsellors

May 2001

Carolyn Chisholm Centre Conference, "Human Embryo Research, Manipulation and Ethics" – Melbourne – Deputy Chairperson and CEO

May 2001

Murdoch Children's Research Institute, AGM, Melbourne – CEO

June 2001

Women's Bodies and Women's Histories, conference at The University of Melbourne – CEO

June 2001

AIHLE – "Symposium on Public Understanding of Science" – University of Melbourne – Chairperson and CEO

August 2001

Book launch "The Child Within", Linda Fiske – Reproductive Biology Unit, Royal Women's Hospital – Chairperson and CEO

August 2001

COAG Implementation Working Group. Consultation on Cloning and Embryonic Stem Cells, Melbourne – Chairperson and CEO

August 2001

Tracy Maund, Lecture, Royal Women's Hospital – Chairperson and CEO

August 2001

AIHLE Public Lecture "Posthumous Use of Gametes and Embryos – the UK Experience" Professor Sheila McLean (Glasgow), Melbourne – CEO and Members

August 2001

"Regulating Reproductive Technology" workshop conducted by ARC Special Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, University of Melbourne and Faculty of Law and Management, La Trobe University, Melbourne – CEO

August 2001

"Regulation and Ethics Related to the IVF Laboratory", presentation to Graduate Diploma Course, Monash University, Melbourne – CEO

October 2001

Master of Clinical Embryology Presentation, Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne – CEO

October 2001

Presentation of the Registers under the Infertility Treatment Act, Victorian Standing Committee on Adoption and Alternative Family (VSCAAF), Melbourne – CEO

October 2001

Presentation to ART Support Group, Overview of Regulation, Melbourne – CEO

November 2001

Careers Night for Post Graduate Students, Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne – CEO

November 2001

Respect Life Seminar, Catholic Archdiocese, Melbourne – CEO

November 2001

Presentation on the Regulation of Embryo Stem Cell Research to Doctors Who Respect Life, Melbourne – CEO

November 2001

International Symposium, The State of ART Regulation, Melbourne – Deputy Chairperson, Members and CEO

November 2001

IFFS Pre-Congress Seminar "What About the People", Melbourne – CEO

The State of ART Regulation

The Infertility Treatment Authority was involved in the planning and development of a satellite symposium to the major IFFS Conference which was held in Melbourne 2001. This seminar provided an important opportunity to bring an international perspective to the issues of regulation of reproductive technology. This seminar included presentations from the Chairperson of the Human Fertilisation

and Embryology Authority in the UK, the past Chairperson of the Infertility Treatment Authority, a senior member of the American Society For Reproductive Medicine and others who were able to provide an overview of the regulatory issues in Europe and South East Asia. The symposium, which was held at University College, was opened by the State Minister for Health, the Honourable John Thwaites. The proceedings of the symposium are to be published late in 2002 as a collection. Such a collection will provide an important resource to understand the state of regulatory play in the dynamic and changing field of bioethics.

In addition to the formal involvement of the Chairperson, CEO or members of the Authority in events, the Authority also deals with general enquiries on a day to day basis. These are summarised below:

General Enquiries to the Infertility Treatment Authority

1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001

<i>Nature of Enquiry</i>	<i>Number of Enquiries</i>
Media enquiries	190
Other enquiries	266





OUTCOME OF TREATMENT PROCEDURES IN VICTORIA

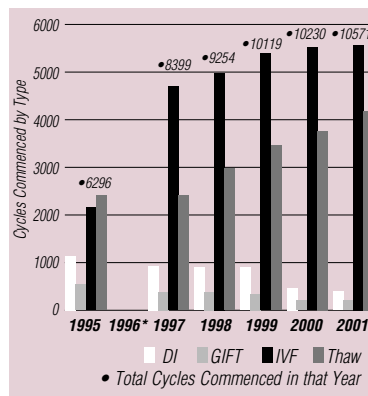
The data contained in this report shows an approximately 3% increase in the overall number of treatment cycles. The breakdown of increases by type of procedure, since 1995 is outlined in the table below.

The Infertility Treatment Authority is now in its fifth year of data collection and reporting to the Parliament. Section 137 of the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995* requires that the Authority report to the Minister for Health, on the 30th September in each year. The report is to include particulars of each program including details about the number of treatment procedures carried out and the outcome of these treatment procedures. The Authority is required to report this information in terms of procedures carried out at each licensed place, and also the status of stored embryos and gametes for each of the licensed places.

The Authority, in reporting this information at each of the places it licenses, recognises the complexity of reporting data related to assisted reproduction. *In reporting treatment procedures by place, it should be noted that there are significant differences in the size of places which are licensed, and the number of services offered at these places.* Many of the licensed places in country Victoria, for example, have a small number of patients. In addition, the licensed places implement different treatment policies, and this may also have an impact on the outcome for different procedures.

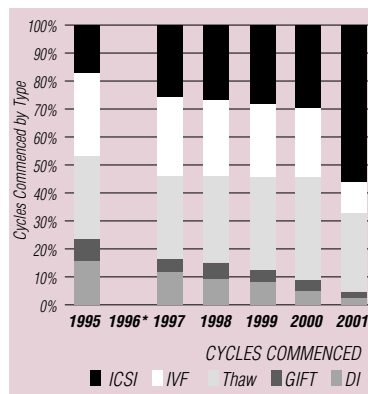
Caution should therefore be exercised in any interpretation of the data outlined in this report.

Infertility Treatment Cycles Commenced in Victoria: 1995–2001



In addition there continue to be changes in the proportion of treatments offered, with ICSI now forming nearly 60% of IVF procedures. There is a corresponding reduction in the number of DI procedures and GIFT procedures.

Proportion of Treatment Cycles Commenced in Victoria: 1995–2001



The terminology used in this report is fully explained on the following page. This terminology is reviewed on an annual

basis, incorporating feedback from the previous year's Annual Report, and in conjunction with the licensed places which provide the data. It is important to read this to ensure an accurate understanding of the reporting in the tables. Where possible the terminology of the National Perinatal Statistics Unit IVF Report is used, to avoid confusion.

In the tables below it should be noted that double counting of couples may occur because they may:

- Attend more than one licensed place for treatment,
- Receive treatment using more than one type of procedure.

This report also includes a final outcome of treatment procedures undertaken in 2000. These final figures were not available at the time of the production of the 2001 Annual Report. Similarly, this year, a full report on treatment outcomes is not possible until next year's Annual Report. As pregnancies are ongoing, some outcomes are not known at the time of this report going to print.

Finally, the Authority has sought oral advice in relation to foetal reductions performed arising from IVF procedures. This advice has indicated that the data is difficult to collect, but that fewer than 6 foetal reductions would have been performed.

TERMINOLOGY USED IN REPORTING DATA

Age of Patient

Age of Patient as at the first Treatment Cycle for the period reported.

Babies Born

Infant with signs of life after pregnancy of at least 20 weeks' gestation.

Clinical Pregnancy

Any type of pregnancy except that diagnosed only by measuring levels of human chorionic gonadotrophin. This definition includes ectopic pregnancy, blighted ovum and spontaneous abortion.

Confinement

Birth of one or more babies from a pregnancy. Such an event is counted as a single delivery for the pregnancy, irrespective of the number of babies born.

Donor Insemination

Artificial insemination with donor sperm.

Embryo

A human embryonic development at and from syngamy. Syngamy is that stage of development of a fertilised oocyte where the chromosomes derived from the male and female pronuclei align on the mitotic spindle.

Fertilisation

Penetration of an oocyte (egg) by sperm. Only oocyte/s with two pronuclei will be reported.

Gamete

An oocyte (egg) or sperm

Gamete Intra-Fallopian Transfer (GIFT)

A medical procedure of transferring an oocyte/s (egg/s) and sperm to the body of a woman.

Intra Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)

ICSI is a micromanipulation technique where a single sperm is injected into the inner cellular structure of an oocyte. For the purposes of this report, ICSI treatment cycles are included in the total of IVF treatment cycles.

In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF)

Co-incubation of sperm and oocyte outside the body of a woman. [It does not necessarily result in the formation of an embryo which is fit for transfer.] Intra Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) may also be used as a part of an IVF procedure.

Licensed Place

A place in respect of which a licence under Part 8 of the Act is in force.

Ongoing Pregnancies

Ongoing clinical pregnancies as at the 31st August of the year following that being reported on. Finalised delivery and birth details will be reported in the next Annual Report to be published.

Oocyte (Egg) Retrieval

Procedure undertaken in an attempt to collect oocyte/s from a woman.

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis

After IVF, one or two cells are removed from the embryo in vitro and tested to avoid the transmission of a genetic abnormality or congenital disease inherited from the parents.

Stimulated Cycle

A Treatment Cycle in which the woman's ovaries are stimulated with superovulatory drugs, excluding clomiphene citrate, to produce more than one oocyte.

Thaw Cycle

A thaw cycle commences with the removal of frozen embryos from storage in order to be thawed and then transferred.

Transfer

The procedure of placing embryos or oocytes and sperm into the body of a woman.

Treatment Cycle

A treatment cycle begins (a) on the day when superovulatory drugs were commenced or (b) from the date of the last menstrual period.

Treatment Cycle Continued

For the purposes of reporting, a treatment cycle continues when: (a) IVF/GIFT – an oocyte retrieval procedure occurs (b) Frozen embryo transfer – an embryo transfer procedure occurs (c) Donor Insemination – if insemination occurs.

Unstimulated Cycle

A treatment cycle where no superovulatory drugs are used or where only clomiphene citrate is used.

Women in Treatment

Women in treatment are either married women, women in a heterosexual defacto relationship, or single women. All women must be eligible for treatment as outlined in section 8 of the Act.



DATA TABLES

Final Outcomes for Treatment Cycles Commenced in 2000 – All Licensed Places

Licensed Place	Total No. Women	Cycles Commenced	Cycles Cont'd	Preg-nancies	Confine-ments	No. of Babies Born	Preg. Outcome Unknown	Total No. Women	Cycles Commenced	Cycles Cont'd	Preg-nancies	Confine-ments	No. of Babies Born	Unknown Outcome
	IVF							GIFT						
Ballarat Health Services	29	33	26	7	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benalla and District Memorial Hospital	3	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bendigo Health Care Group	29	32	29	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casterton Memorial Hospital	37	56	52	11	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Wellington Health Service	56	71	50	6	5	5	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	0
Epworth Hospital	765	1,100	940	137	117	141	0	20	27	18	1	0	0	0
Freemasons Hospital	1,134	1,754	1,397	193	159	194	0	6	6	6	0	0	0	0
Geelong Private Hospital	71	95	76	17	16	22	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Maryvale Private Hospital	14	14	12	2	2	2	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0
Mercy Public Hospital Inc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	187	162	26	17	23	0
Mildura Private Hospital	59	86	80	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	817	1151	992	165	137	180	1	25	32	24	5	3	3	0
Northern Health	104	135	103	21	17	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Womens and Childrens Health	819	1072	929	145	102	120	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Aggregated Total	3,937	5,602	4,688	715	580	718	4	184	260	217	33	21	27	0
	THAW CYCLE							DI						
Ballarat Health Services	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bendigo Health Care Group	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casterton Memorial Hospital	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Wellington Health Service	11	12	10	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Epworth Hospital	460	639	464	60	51	58	0	67	222	190	14	12	13	0
Freemasons Hospital	808	1,506	1,260	202	167	183	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Geelong Private Hospital	7	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryvale Private Hospital	4	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mildura Private Hospital	50	84	72	5	4	4	0	4	7	7	1	1	2	0
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	324	437	311	53	41	47	0	47	163	136	8	6	6	0
Northern Health Care	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Womens and Childrens Health	607	1,038	883	132	106	117	2	82	225	199	21	18	19	0
Aggregated Total	2,291	3,747	3,027	455	371	411	3	201	618	533	44	37	40	0

DATA TABLES

Treatment Procedures – All Licensed Places

TABLE 1

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year	Total No. of Women Treated	Total No. of Cycles Commenced	Total No. of Cycles Continued	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Total No. of Ongoing Pregnancies
Whole of Victoria	6,527	10,570	8,865	1,681	756	901	673
By Procedure							
GIFT	201	272	233	57	35	34	11
IVF	3,746	5,602	4,821	1,045	455	576	437
THAW CYCLE	2,454	4,291	3,464	542	244	268	215
DI	126	407	350	37	22	23	10

Variations in totals may be caused by attendance in the same year at more than one Licensed Place and/or by treatment under more than one procedure.

Patients Per Age Groups – All Licensed Places

TABLE 2

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year	Total No. of Women Treated	Total No. of Cycles Commenced	Total No. of Cycles Continued	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Total No. of Ongoing Pregnancies
DI PROCEDURES							
Age of Women in Years							
20 to 24	7	22	18	2	1	1	1
25 to 29	17	56	45	9	5	5	3
30 to 34	47	148	122	13	9	9	3
35 to 39	39	125	115	11	6	7	3
40 to 44	17	57	47	5	1	1	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggregated Total	127	408	347	40	22	23	10
IVF/GIFT/THAW PROCEDURES							
<= 24	86	170	32	140	11	14	10
25 to 29	533	1,065	236	878	90	109	76
30 to 34	1,679	3,357	727	2,781	311	381	273
35 to 39	1,761	3,586	652	2,943	250	298	240
40 to 44	849	1,754	207	1,361	65	71	56
45 to 49	108	216	22	159	5	6	5
>=50	11	17	5	17	2	3	3
Aggregated Total	5,027	10,165	8,517	8,279	734	882	663

Figures include Cycles in which oocytes were donated. Women may have pregnancies from eggs donated from a younger woman.

Use of Donor Gametes and Embryos and Outcomes – All Licensed Places

TABLE 3

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year	Total No. of Women using Donor Gametes/Embryos	Total No. of Cycles Commenced	Total No. of Cycles Continued	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Total No. of Ongoing Pregnancies
Donor Oocytes*	144	157	157	38	19	24	14
Donor Embryos	54	87	64	13	4	4	7
Donor Sperm	278	699	625	89	39	47	41

*The ITA only collects information on treatment cycles for patients receiving treatment for infertility. This means that the egg pick-up from the donor is not always counted as the cycle of the patient receiving treatment. If for some reason the cycle does not result in continued treatment for the patient, then the egg pick-up cycle is not counted.

DATA TABLES

Outcomes Per Licensed Place, IVF – In Vitro Fertilisation*

TABLE 4.1

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Women	Total No. of Cycles Commenced	Total No. of Cycles Continued	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Total No. of Ongoing Pregnancies
Ballarat Health Services	25	30	27	7	1	1	6
Benalla & District Memorial Hospital	12	14	11	2	1	2	1
Bendigo Health Care Group	35	43	39	12	2	3	8
Casterton Memorial Hospital	53	64	59	14	6	7	6
Central Wellington Health Service	62	82	67	16	4	5	9
Epworth Hospital	602	839	684	188	72	96	100
Freemasons Hospital	947	1,453	1,195	203	115	144	48
Geelong Private Hospital	67	87	67	23	8	11	14
Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	65	83	78	11	7	8	2
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	937	1,302	1,150	268	108	135	141
Northern Health	105	141	105	20	8	11	9
Women's & Children's Health	1,016	1,308	1,183	243	104	129	79
Aggregated Total	3,926	5,446	4,665	1,007	436	552	423

*Excludes Treatment where Oocytes and Embryos donated.
Double counting of Patient numbers occurs where they have had attended more than one clinic in the year.

Egg Collection and Embryo Transfer Per Licensed Place, IVF – In Vitro Fertilisation*

TABLE 4.2

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Oocyte Retrieval Attempts	Total No. of Oocytes Collected	Total No. of Oocytes Inseminated	Total No. of Oocytes Fertilised	Total No. of Cycles where no Embryo was Formed	Total No. of Embryos Transferred	Total No. of Embryos Frozen	Total No. Embryos unsuitable for Transfer or Freezing
Ballarat Health Services	27	361	317	216	0	58	111	47
Benalla & District Memorial Hospital	11	170	158	107	0	24	78	5
Bendigo Health Care Group	39	559	452	307	1	94	174	39
Casterton Memorial Hospital	59	632	564	383	1	115	231	37
Central Wellington Health Service	67	662	591	422	0	136	260	26
Epworth Hospital	684	8,395	7,252	4,660	31	1,354	2,630	676
Freemasons Hospital	1,195	10,605	9,389	5,746	137	1,776	2,394	1,576
Geelong Private Hospital	67	801	702	467	1	143	265	59
Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	78	709	690	490	4	105	259	124
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	1,150	12,281	10,572	7,128	67	2,229	2,965	1,934
Northern Health	105	1,332	1,195	750	5	209	463	78
Women's & Children's Health	1,183	12,114	10,805	7,015	99	1,937	3,858	1,220
Aggregated Total	4,665	48,621	42,687	27,691	346	8,180	13,688	5,821

*Excludes Treatment where Oocytes and Embryos donated.
Double counting of Patient numbers occurs where they have had attended more than one clinic in the year.

DATA TABLES

Outcomes Per Licensed Place, GIFT – Gamete Intra-Fallopian Transfer

TABLE 4.3

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Women	Total No. of Cycles Commenced	Total No. of Cycles Continued	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Total No. of Ongoing Pregnancies
Central Wellington Health Service	3	4	2	0	0	0	0
Epworth Hospital	28	34	30	4	0	0	4
Freemasons Hospital	4	4	4	2	2	2	0
Geelong Private Hospital	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Mercy Public Hospital Inc	125	180	154	40	30	36	2
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	37	45	38	8	2	3	5
Women's & Children's Health	3	4	4	1	0	0	0
Aggregated Total	201	272	233	56	35	42	11

Double counting of Patient numbers occurs where they have had attended more than one clinic in the year.

Oocyte Collection and Transfer Per Licensed Place, GIFT – Gamete Intra-Fallopian Transfer

TABLE 4.4

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Oocyte Retrieval Attempts	Total No. of Oocytes Collected	Total No. of Oocytes Transferred	Total No. of Oocytes Frozen	Total No. of Oocytes Inseminated	Total No. of Oocytes Fertilised	Total No. of Embryos Frozen
	GIFT			ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOLLOWING GIFT			
Central Wellington Health Service	2	28	3	0	22	15	14
Epworth Hospital	30	323	104	0	154	95	86
Freemasons Hospital	4	40	11	0	32	22	19
Geelong Private Hospital	1	14	2	0	12	10	4
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc	154	1,203	492	182	0	0	0
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	38	314	125	0	133	104	78
Women's & Children's Health	4	7	6	0	1	0	0
Aggregated Total	233	1,929	743	182	354	246	201

Outcomes Per Licensed Place, Thaw Cycle – Frozen Embryo Transfer

TABLE 4.5

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Patients	Total No. of Cycles Commenced	Total No. of Embryos Thawed	Total No. Cycles Continued	Total No. Embryos Transferred	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Total No. of Ongoing Pregnancies
Ballarat Health Services	6	7	21	7	16	2	0	0	1
Benalla District Memorial Hospital	2	2	4	1	3	0	0	0	0
Bendigo Health Care Group	9	9	28	7	11	2	0	0	2
Casterton Memorial Hospital	10	12	33	9	17	2	0	0	1
Central Wellington Health Service	30	38	91	32	64	2	0	0	2
Epworth Hospital	553	893	2,282	683	1,304	108	40	47	59
Freemasons Hospital	690	1,184	2,274	1,001	1,603	152	88	94	35
Geelong Private Hospital	36	54	85	33	62	8	3	3	4
Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	48	76	226	65	116	8	5	5	0
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	478	725	1,741	529	1,001	87	31	33	52
Northern Health	8	9	18	7	16	1	0	0	1
Women's & Children's Health	713	1,282	2,414	1,112	1,831	170	77	86	58
Aggregated Total	2,583	4,291	9,217	3,486	6,044	542	244	268	215



DATA TABLES

Outcomes Per Licensed Place, DI – Donor Insemination

TABLE 4.6

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Women	Total No. of Cycles Commenced	Total No. of Cycles Continued	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Total No. of Ongoing Pregnancies
STIMULATED							
Epworth Hospital	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Freemason's Hospital	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Monash Surgical Private Hospital	2	2	1	1	1	1	0
Women's & Children's Health Care Network	9	17	17	1	1	2	0
UNSTIMULATED							
Central Wellington Health Service	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Epworth Hospital	38	116	102	10	7	7	1
Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	1	3	3	0	0	0	0
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	39	128	104	10	5	5	4
Women's & Children's Health Care Network	43	138	121	15	8	8	5
Aggregated Total	135	407	350	37	22	23	10

Double counting of Patient numbers occurs where they have had attended more than one clinic in the year or had more than one type of procedure.

Outcomes Per Licensed Place, Stimulated / Unstimulated — IVF/GIFT

TABLE 5

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Women	Total No. of Cycles Commenced	Total No. of Cycles Continued	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Total No. of Ongoing Pregnancies
STIMULATED							
Ballarat Health Services	25	30	27	7	1	1	6
Benalla & District Memorial Hospital	11	13	11	2	1	2	1
Bendigo Health Care Group	35	43	39	12	2	3	8
Casterton Memorial Hospital	53	64	59	14	6	7	6
Central Wellington Health Service	65	86	69	16	4	5	9
Epworth Hospital	618	830	693	190	72	96	103
Freemasons Hospital	891	1237	1048	198	111	139	48
Geelong Private Hospital	68	88	68	24	9	12	14
Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	125	179	154	40	30	36	2
Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	65	83	78	11	7	8	2
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	934	1300	1155	273	107	135	146
Northern Health	105	141	105	20	8	11	9
Women's & Children's Health	966	1188	1101	238	101	126	77
UNSTIMULATED							
Ballarat Health Services	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Benalla & District Memorial Hospital	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Bendigo Health Care Group	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Casterton Memorial Hospital	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Central Wellington Health Service	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Epworth Hospital	64	79	57	12	4	5	7
Freemasons Hospital	164	267	198	18	13	15	1
Geelong Private Hospital	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	68	86	72	11	7	8	4
Northern Health	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Women's & Children's Health	104	148	110	15	7	9	5
Aggregated Total	4,373	5,874	5,054	1,101	490	618	448

Double counting of Patient numbers occurs where they have had attended more than one clinic in the year.

DATA TABLES

Multiple Births Per Licensed Place

TABLE 6

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Number of Singleton/s Born	Sets of Twin/s Born	Sets of Triplet/s Born	Sets of > Quad/s Born
Ballarat Health Services	1	1	1	0	0	0
Benalla & District Memorial Hospital	1	2	0	1	0	0
Bendigo Health Care Group	2	3	1	1	0	0
Casterton Memorial Hospital	6	7	5	1	0	0
Central Wellington Health Service	4	5	3	1	0	0
Epworth Hospital	124	156	93	30	1	0
Freemasons Hospital	212	248	178	32	2	0
Geelong Private Hospital	12	15	9	3	0	0
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc	30	36	25	4	1	0
Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	19	13	11	1	0	0
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	150	181	121	27	2	0
Northern Health	8	11	5	3	0	0
Women's & Children's Health	194	231	157	37	0	0
Aggregated Total	763	909	609	141	6	0

Causes of Infertility

TABLE 7

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Female Tubal Only	Other Female Factor	Male Infertility Only	Multiple Causes for the Couple	Unexplained for the Couple
Ballarat Health Services	3	7	8	7	5
Benalla & District Memorial Hospital	2	1	4	5	3
Bendigo Health Care Group	6	7	13	10	7
Casterton Memorial Hospital	15	12	1	5	22
Central Wellington Health Service	14	10	12	14	32
Epworth Hospital	103	151	244	276	217
Freemasons Hospital	153	147	119	401	471
Geelong Private Hospital	10	8	16	26	23
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc	6	33	14	53	19
Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	18	3	8	26	23
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	139	142	316	320	265
Northern Health	18	15	26	19	27
Women's & Children's Health	176	126	109	431	521
Aggregated Total	663	662	1,327	1,593	1,635

The licensed place totals are greater than the aggregated total due to patients attending more than one clinic in the year.

Storage of Donor Sperm Per Licensed Place

TABLE 8

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Donors whose Sperm is Stored and Available for Donor Treatment (at start of period)	New Donors Recruited during Reporting Year (2000)
Epworth Hospital	110	15
Mildura Private Hospital	0	0
Women's & Children's Health	51	13
Aggregated Total	161	28

DATA TABLES

Storage of Oocytes / Embryos Per Licensed Place

TABLE 9

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Women with Oocytes/Ovarian Tissue Stored at Start of Period	Start of Reporting Period	Frozen from Cycles Commenced	Thawed for Cycles Commenced	Remaining in Storage
	OOCTES STORED		NUMBER OF EMBRYOS STORED		
Ballarat Health Services	0	0	111	22	0
Benalla & District Memorial Hospital	0	0	83	4	0
Bendigo Health Care Group	0	0	189	28	0
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	0	248	39	0
Central Wellington Health Service	0	0	282	88	0
Epworth Hospital	100	4,158	2,938	2,276	5,287
Freemasons Hospital	10	5,633	2,602	2,272	5,571
Geelong Private Hospital	0	0	273	85	0
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc	89	0	0	0	0
Mildura Private Hospital	0	216	266	?	?
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	6	2,653	3,214	1,720	3,794
Northern Health	0	0	463	18	0
Women's & Children's Health	29	5,525	4,025	2,414	6,783
Aggregated Total	234	18,185	14,694	8,966	21,435

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis for Patients with a Known Genetic Risk

TABLE 10.1

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	No. of People Treated	Total No. of Cycles Where PGD Performed	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Pregnancy Outcome Unknown
Freemasons Hospital	6	8	1	0	0	1
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	19	26	6	3	3	0

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Oocyte Retrieval Attempts	Total No. of Oocytes Collected	Total No. of Oocytes Inseminated	Total No. of Oocytes Fertilised	No. of Cycles where Genetic. Suit. Emb. Avail. for Transfer*	Total No. of Embryos Transferred	Total No. of Embryos Frozen	Total No. Embryos unsuitable for Transfer or Freezing**
Freemasons Hospital	8	83	78	53	5	8	1	44
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	26	337	280	221	23	47	17	157

* Includes embryos that did not have the abnormality being tested for. ** Includes embryos diagnosed as genetically unsuitable.

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis for IVF and Pregnancy Failure

TABLE 10.2

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	No. of People Treated	Total No. of Cycles Where PGD Performed	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Pregnancy Outcome Unknown
Freemasons Hospital	60	65	11	7	8	4
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	87	106	26	14	20	0

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Oocyte Retrieval Attempts	Total No. of Oocytes Collected	Total No. of Oocytes Inseminated	Total No. of Oocytes Fertilised	No. of Cycles where Genetic. Suit. Emb. Avail. for Transfer*	Total No. of Embryos Transferred	Total No. of Embryos Frozen	Total No. Embryos unsuitable for Transfer or Freezing**
Freemasons Hospital	65	1028	897	652	50	84	84	484
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	106	1549	1304	1013	99	241	43	729

* Includes embryos that did not have the abnormality being tested for. ** Includes embryos diagnosed as genetically unsuitable.

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis on Embryos that have been Frozen/Thawed

TABLE 10.3

For period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001, All Places

2001 Calendar Year Licensed Place	Total No. of Patients	Total No. of Cycles Commenced	Total No. of Embryos Thawed	Total No. Cycles Continued	Total No. Embryos Transferred	Total No. of Clinical Pregnancies	Total No. of Confinements	Total No. of Babies Born	Total No. of Ongoing Pregnancies
Freemasons Hospital	7	10	23	10	18	1	1	1	0



AUDITOR GENERAL
VICTORIA

Infertility Treatment Authority Certification of Annual Financial Statements

In our opinion the financial statements of the Infertility Treatment Authority, comprising Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Accounts:

- 1) have been prepared in accordance with directions of the Minister of Finance under the Financial Management Act 1994, Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views), and
- 2) present fairly the results of the financial transactions of the Authority for the year ended 30 June 2002 and the financial position of the Authority as at that date.

At the date of signing these statements we are not aware of any circumstances, which would render any particulars, included in these statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

Professor John Kerr Findlay AM
Chairman & Member of the Board

Ms H. Szoke
Chief Executive Officer

17th September 2002, MELBOURNE

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

To the Members of the Parliament of Victoria, the responsible Ministers and the Members of the Board of the Infertility Treatment Authority

Audit Scope

The accompanying financial report of the Infertility Treatment Authority for the financial year ended 30 June 2002, comprising the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, has been audited. The Members of Board are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information it contains. An independent audit of the financial report has been carried out in order to express an opinion on it to the Members of the Parliament of Victoria, responsible Ministers and Members of the Board as required by the *Audit Act* 1994.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The audit procedures included an examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and the financial reporting requirements of the *Financial Management Act* 1994, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Authority's financial position, financial performance and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and the financial reporting requirements of the *Financial Management Act* 1994, the financial position of the Infertility Treatment Authority as at 30 June 2002, its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended.

MELBOURNE
17th September 2002

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The statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2002

	Notes	2001/02 \$	2000/01 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets	2	75,279	47,143
Receivables	4	1,297	183
Total Current Assets		76,576	47,326
Non-Current Assets			
Property Plant and Equipment	5	38,050	40,703
Total Non-Current Assets		38,050	40,703
TOTAL ASSETS		114,626	88,029
Current Liabilities			
Payables	6	34,881	26,696
Prepaid Income	7	20,355	26,179
Provisions	8	2,916	4,690
Total Current Liabilities		58,152	57,565
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	8	21,990	19,264
Total Non-Current Liabilities		21,990	19,264
TOTAL LIABILITIES		80,142	76,829
NET ASSETS		34,484	11,200
EQUITY			
Contributed Capital	9	11,200	-
Accumulated Surplus	9	23,284	11,200
TOTAL EQUITY		34,484	11,200

The statement of financial performance should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2002

	Notes	2001/02 \$	2000/01 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities			
<i>Operating Revenue:</i>			
Approval Fees		7,609	6,008
Government Grant	10	375,000	355,000
Licensing Fees		38,202	36,255
Sales of Publications		20	10
Symposium		14,624	-
<i>Non-operating revenue:</i>			
Interest Received		716	921
Other Income		235	1,288
Proceeds from Sale of Non Current Assets		-	22,144
		436,406	421,627
Expenses from ordinary activities			
Employee Benefits	11	161,552	162,900
Depreciation	5	12,490	25,882
Supplies and services	11	239,080	244,749
Other expense from ordinary activities	11	-	21,106
		413,122	454,637
Result (Deficit) for the year	9	23,284	(33,010)
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from changes in contributed capital		23,284	(33,010)

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2002

The statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

	Notes	2001/02 \$ Inflows/(Outflows)	2000/01 \$ Inflows/(Outflows)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Operating Grant Receipts		412,500	390,500
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(405,753)	(406,355)
GST Paid		(24,565)	(15,238)
Interest Received		716	1,075
Income from Fees		38,873	52,644
Other Income		16,202	1,298
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	3	37,973	23,924
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Proceeds from sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		-	22,145
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		(9,837)	(40,354)
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		(9,837)	(18,209)
Net Increase in Cash held		28,136	5,715
Cash held at beginning of the financial year		47,143	41,428
Cash held at end of the financial year	2	75,279	47,143

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2002

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This general-purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Management Act 1994, Australian Accounting Standards, Statements of Accounting Concepts and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views.

a) Accrual Basis

The Accrual Basis of accounting has been used with revenues and expenses being recognised as they are earned or incurred, and are brought to account in the period to which they relate.

b) Historical Cost

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis whereby assets are recorded at cost and do not take into account changing money values or the current costs of non-current assets.

c) Rounding Off

All amounts shown in the Financial Statement are expressed to the nearest dollar.

d) Depreciation

Depreciation is charged using the straight-line method of depreciation, at rates considered appropriate to expire the relevant cost of the assets in full over the term of their estimated useful life to the Authority. The relevant depreciation rates have been outlined in Note 5. Depreciation rates are consistent with those used in prior years. The depreciation rate ranges by category are:

<i>Asset Category</i>	<i>Rate Range</i>
Motor Vehicles	15%
Computer Equipment	25% - 40%
Office Equipment	20% - 40%

e) Payables

Payables are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Authority. Payables are normally settled on 30-day terms.

f) Receivables

Receivables are carried at nominal amounts due. Credit sales are on 30-day terms.

g) Employee Entitlements

Based on pay rates effective at balance date, on-costs such as workcover and superannuation are included in the calculation of leave provisions.

Provision is made for the Authority's liabilities for employee entitlements to annual leave and long service leave arising from service rendered by employees to balance date. The Authority's accrued liability for annual leave not taken by employees at balance date is classified as a current liability.

Employee entitlements payable later than one year is classified as a non-current liability, and have been measured at the present value of estimated future cash flows to be made for those entitlements.

The provision for long service leave is determined in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AAS30 – Accounting for

Employee Entitlements. The long service leave entitlements under existing employment arrangements becomes payable upon completion of 10 years service.

h) Comparatives

Where necessary the figures for the previous year have been reclassified to facilitate comparison.

i) Prepaid Licensing Fees

The Authority charges Licence Fees to professionals who operate infertility treatment practices. The Licence Fees are for the period 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002. As a result six months of Licence Fees that have been paid in this year have been recognised as prepaid Licensing Fees.

j) Contributed Capital

Consistent with UIG Abstract 38 *Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities* and Accounting and Financial Reporting Bulletin No. 39 *Accounting for Contributed Capital*, transfers that are in the nature of contributions or distributions have been designated as contributed capital.

i) Change in accounting policy

In previous reporting periods up to 30 June 2001, the following items were usually recognized as revenues and expenses in the statement of financial performance:

- assets received free of charge from other public sector entities, and
- grants paid to other public sector entities for capital purposes.

For the reporting period ended 30 June 2002, such transactions between wholly-owned public sector entities are now recognized in the statement of financial position as adjustments to net assets in the general government sector, where in substance, they satisfy the definition of a contribution by owner.

This change in accounting policy for transfers of assets and liabilities is in compliance with the accounting requirements of Urgent Issues Group Abstract 38 *Contribution by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities*, Accounting Financial Reporting Bulletin (AFR) No. 39 *Accounting for Contributed Capital*, and Accounting and Financial Reporting Bulletin No. 40 *Establishment of Opening Balances and Formal Designation for Contributed Capital*.

Under AFR Bulletin No. 40, accumulated surpluses at 1 July 2001 were required to be transferred to contributed capital.

The impact of this change is:

Decrease Accumulated Surplus	\$11,200
Increase Contributed Capital	\$11,200

2. CASH ASSETS

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions. Cash on deposit is held at call and valued at the nominal amount held. Effective interest rates of between 1.9% and 3.5% per annum were earned on funds held during the year.

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows and statement of financial position is made up as follows:

	Notes	2001/02 \$	2000/01 \$
Cash at Bank		75,084	47,063
Cash on Hand		195	80
		75,279	47,143

3. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Reconciliation of Result from Ordinary Activities to

Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Result (Deficit) from ordinary activities		23,284	(33,010)
(Profit)/Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets		-	(1,086)
Depreciation (non-cash)		12,490	25,882
Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments		-	10,292
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables		(1,114)	70
Increase in Provisions		952	10,542
Increase/(Decrease) in Prepaid Income		(5,824)	7,668
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables		8,185	3,566
Net Cash generated by Operating Activities		37,973	23,924

4. RECEIVABLES

Debtors		1,297	183
		1,297	183

5. a) Property Plant and Equipment

Item	At Cost \$	Depreciation 2001-02		Accumulated Depreciation at 30-6-02 \$	Written Down Value at 30-6-02 \$	Written Down Value at 30-6-01 \$
		Rate %	Amount \$			
Motor Vehicles	32,469	15%	4,870	6,124	26,345	31,215
Computer Equipment	24,895	25-40%	6,638	15,792	9,103	8,642
Office Equipment	88,684	20-40%	982	86,082	2,602	846
TOTAL	146,048		12,490	107,998	38,050	40,703

5. b) Reconciliation of Fixed Assets

	Notes	Motor Vehicles \$'000	Computer Equipment \$'000	Office Equipment \$'000	Total \$'000
2002					
Carrying amount at start of year		31,215	8,642	846	40,703
Additions		-	7,099	2,738	9,837
Disposals		-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	1(d)	(4,870)	(6,638)	(982)	(12,490)
Carrying amount at end of year		26,345	9,103	2,602	38,050
2001					
Carrying amount at start of year		24,443	7,099	15,749	47,291
Additions		32,469	7,885	-	40,354
Disposals		(20,753)	(307)	-	(21,060)
Depreciation expense	1(d)	(4,944)	(6,035)	(14,903)	(25,882)
Carrying amount at end of year		31,215	8,642	846	40,703

	Notes	2001/02 \$	2000/01 \$
6. PAYABLES			
Audit and Accounting Fees Payable		9,405	7,920
Fringe Benefits Tax Liability		3,727	3,900
Group Tax Payable		2,724	3,917
GST refundable on fees		-	92
GST Payable		6,639	7,451
Lease Liability		345	436
Superannuation Payable		1,482	1,124
Trade Creditors & Other Payables		10,559	1,856
		34,881	26,696

7. PREPAID INCOME

Prepaid Licensing Fees	1(i)	20,355	18,280
Prepaid Registration for Symposium		-	7,898
		20,355	26,178

	Notes	2001/02 \$	2000/01 \$
8. PROVISIONS			
Employee entitlements:			
Current: Annual Leave	1(g)	2,916	4,690
Non-Current Long Service Leave	1(g)	21,990	19,264
Total Employee Entitlements		24,906	23,954
9. EQUITY			
(a) Contributed Capital			
Balance at beginning of the reporting period		-	-
Recognition of opening balance on adoption of UIG 38/AFR No. 39		11,200	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period		11,200	-
(b) Accumulated Surpluses			
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period		11,200	44,210
Net result for the year		23,284	(33,010)
Adjustments resulting from change in accounting policy		(11,200)	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period		23,284	11,200
(c) Equity			
Total equity at the beginning of the reporting period		11,200	44,210
Total changes in equity recognised in the statement of financial performance		23,284	(33,010)
Balance at the end of the reporting period		34,484	11,200
10. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS			
Government Grant			
		375,000	355,000
<i>Grant received from the Department of Human Services</i>			
11. EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Employee benefits:			
<i>Employee benefits:</i>			
Salaries & Wages		146,188	146,152
Staff Amenities		92	83
Staff training		1,395	3,200
Superannuation	12	13,877	13,465
		161,552	162,900
Supplies and services:			
Accounting Fees		14,430	12,315
Advertising		354	1,173
Audit Fees	13	4,200	3,900
Bank Charges and Taxes		271	479
Computer Maintenance		5,645	4,960
Consultants fees		21,764	27,991
Courier / Postage		3,342	3,094
Entertainment		2,245	1,612
Insurance		3,825	10,835
ITA Publications		9,180	6,877
Lease Payments		4,340	5,237
Legal Fees		20,955	32,587
Maintenance		751	542
Members Sitting Fees		58,315	60,000
Motor Vehicle Expenses		4,306	5,057
Office Outgoings		840	1,695
Printing & Stationery		7,773	3,141
Rent on land & buildings		43,698	41,546
Subscriptions		10,089	8,894
Symposium		11,163	500
Telephone		6,124	7,318
Travel and Accommodation		5,470	4,996
		239,080	244,749
Other expenses from ordinary activities:			
WDV of Fixed Assets Disposed of during year		-	21,106
Depreciation	5	12,490	25,882
Total Expenses		413,122	454,637

12. SUPERANNUATION

Details in relation to superannuation funds are as follows:

- The Authority contributed on behalf of its employees during the year ended 30 June 2002 to Vic Super, being a complying fund under the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993.
- No loans exist between the Authority and Vic Super.
- The amount of total contributions by the Authority to Vic Super for the year amounted to \$13,877 (2001 - \$13,465) and the contributions outstanding at year-end amounted to \$1,482 (2001 - \$1,124).
- The basis for calculation of superannuation is in accordance with the statutory requirements, which specifies that contributions of the Authority are based on a percentage of the employees' salary. During the period these contributions were at the rate of 8% of gross salaries. Employee contributions were nil.

13. AUDITOR REMUNERATION

Audit fees paid or payable to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for audit of the Authority's financial report:

2001/02:	\$4,200
2000/01:	\$3,900

14. RESPONSIBLE PERSONS & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

a) Responsible Minister

The Hon. John Thwaites MLA Minister for Health is the Responsible Minister.

b) Authority Members

The names of Authority members at the date of this report are:

P.L. Waller (Chairman retired 10/09/01)
H. Burger (app 30/04/02)
A.C.J. Fisher (retired 31/12/01)
J.K. Findlay (Chairman app 11/09/01)
M.G.C. Guilfoyle
M. Gorton
H. Ramsey (app 30/04/02)
H.L. Wellington
L.J. Wilton

c) Members Remuneration

	2001/02	2000/01
	\$	\$
(i) Total amount received or due and Receivable by members of the Board of the Authority	58,315	60,000

	2001/02	2000/01
	No.	No.
The number of Board Members whose Remuneration fell within the following Bands:		
\$0 - \$10,000	8	8
\$10,000 - \$20,000	1	1

d) Executive Officer

The Authority's Executive Officer did not receive remuneration in excess of \$100,000.

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a) Interest Rate Risk

The Authority's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and financial liabilities are as follows:

30 June 2002	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Maturing in 1 year or less	Non-interest Bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets				
Cash Assets	75,084	-	195	75,279
Receivables	-	-	1,297	1,297
TOTAL	75,084	-	1,492	76,576
Weighted Average Interest Rate %	1.6%			
Financial Liabilities				
Payables	-	-	34,881	34,881
TOTAL	-	-	34,881	34,881

30 June 2001	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Maturing in 1 year or less	Non-interest Bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets				
Cash Assets	47,063	-	80	47,143
Receivables	-	-	182	182
TOTAL	47,063	-	262	47,325
Weighted Average Interest Rate %	1.9%			
Financial Liabilities				
Payables	-	-	26,696	26,696
TOTAL	-	-	26,696	26,696

b) Credit Risk Exposure

The Authority is not materially exposed to any individual debtor.

c) Net Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The net fair value of all on-balance sheet monetary financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their carrying value. There is no off-balance sheet financial assets or financial liabilities at balance date.

c) Other Commitments

At 30 June 2002, there were no other outstanding service commitments (nil 2000/01).

16. COMMITMENTS

a) Capital Commitments

At 30 June 2002, the Authority had no outstanding capital commitments (nil 2000/01).

b) Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for in relation to the rental of premises, but not included in the accounts:

	2001/02	2000/01
	\$	\$
Less than 1 year	42,712	40,957
Greater than 1 year but less than 5 years	94,552	137,264
Greater than 5 years	-	-
Total Commitments	137,264	178,221

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities at year end 30 June 2002 (nil 2000/01).

APPENDIX 1

Places Licensed to Provide Treatment

Legal Entity	Place	Name of Clinic	Period of Approval	Approved Treatments to be Undertaken
Ballarat Day Procedure Centre	Ballarat IVF	Monash IVF	18/10/01 to 31/5/02	IVF GIFT
Ballarat Health Services	Ballarat Base Hospital	Monash IVF	19/12/01 to 18/12/04	IVF GIFT
Benalla and District Memorial Hospital	Benalla and District Memorial Hospital	Monash IVF	15/3/00 to 15/3/03	IVF GIFT
Bendigo Healthcare Group	Bendigo Hospital	Monash IVF	21/11/01 to 20/11/04	IVF GIFT
Casterton Memorial Hospital	Casterton Memorial Hospital	Monash IVF	18/2/99 to 17/2/02	IVF GIFT
Central Gippsland Health Service	Central Gippsland Health Service, Sale	Monash IVF	30/6/01 to 29/6/04	IVF GIFT
Epworth Hospital	Epworth Hospital	Monash IVF	15/8/01 to 14/8/04	IVF GIFT DI Storage of gametes and embryos
Freemasons Hospital	Freemasons Hospital	Melbourne IVF	22/7/99 to 21/7/02	IVF GIFT DI Storage of gametes and embryos
Geelong Hospital	Geelong Hospital	Monash IVF	21/11/01 to 31/12/02	IVF GIFT
Geelong Private Hospital	Geelong Private Hospital	Monash IVF	17/12/98 to 16/12/01	IVF GIFT
Maryvale Private Hospital	Maryvale Private Hospital	Monash IVF	19/5/99 to 18/5/02	IVF GIFT
Mercy Hospital for Women	Mercy Hospital for Women	Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	15/8/01 to 14/8/02	GIFT
Mildura Private Hospital	Mildura Private Hospital	Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	15/8/01 to 14/8/02	IVF GIFT DI Storage of gametes and embryos
Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd	Monash IVF	15/8/01 to 14/8/04	IVF GIFT DI Storage of gametes and embryos
Northern Health	Broadmeadows Health Service	Monash IVF	21/7/99 to 20/7/2002	IVF GIFT
Shepparton Private Hospital	Shepparton Private Hospital	Monash IVF	17/12/98 to 16/12/01	
Wangaratta Private Hospital	Wangaratta Private Hospital	Monash IVF	16/9/98 to 15/9/01	
Women's and Children's Health	The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	22/7/99 to 21/7/02	IVF GIFT DI Storage of gametes and embryos



APPENDIX 2

Counsellors Approved under the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995*

Doctors in places licensed to provide treatment are required to provide all patients with a list of approved counsellors, prior to treatment commencing.

Name COUNSELLORS	Licensed Place	Clinic	Approval Term
ALESI, Rita	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 March 2004
BLOOD, Jennifer	Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 March 2004
BOGARTY, Efrat	* See Note below	Monash IVF	19 September 2004
BOURNE, Kate	Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital,	Melbourne IVF	31 March 2004
BRUCE, Paula	Mildura Private Hospital	Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	20 May 2004
CARMICHAEL, Michele	* See Note below	Monash IVF	15 May 2004
CLARKE, Veronica	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	16 February 2003
COOK, Roger	Mercy Hospital Conception Centre	Melbourne Assisted	31 March 2004
COVENTRY, Traci	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	14 February 2004
FILIA, Sacha	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	29 May 2004
HAINES, Wendy	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 March 2004
HUTCHINS, Pamela	Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	17 November 2004
KANE, Helen	Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 March 2004
LORENSINI, Sandra	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	6 December 2002
MALANGRE, Kate	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	22 July 2002
MILO-ASHLEY, Patricia	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	14 February 2004
NAVE, Catherine	Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	19 December 2004
O'BYRNE, Louise	Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 March 2004
OKE, Elizabeth	Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 March 2004
PITT, Penelope	Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	20 September 2003
PORTAS, Cynthia	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	15 November 2001
PTACEK, Jana	Mercy Hospital	Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	31 March 2003
PURVIS, Kate	* See Note Below Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital	Monash IVF Melbourne IVF	31 March 2004
RATHBORNE, Margaret	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	16 February 2003
SMALES, Andrea	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 March 2004
STRATIGAKOS, Georgina	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	22 July 2002
TINNEY, Leesa	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	13 March 2004

Note * Licensed Places:

- Ballarat Base Hospital
- Benalla and District Memorial Hospital
- Bendigo Health Care Group

- Broadmeadows Health Service
- Casterton Memorial Hospital
- Central Wellington Health Service
- Epworth Hospital

- Geelong Private Hospital
- Maryvale Private Hospital
- Monash Surgical Private Hospital Pty Ltd

APPENDIX 3

Clinical Scientists Approved under the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995*

Name	Licensed Place	Clinic	Approval Term
ARCHER, Janell	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
ATKINS, Jan	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
ATTARD, Marlene	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
BAJUNAKI, Edna	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
BOURNE, Harold	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
CHARLTON, Lucinda	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
CLEARY, Michelle	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	15 May 2004
COLEMAN, Peter	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
COSTA, Jessica	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
DEAR, Melinda	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
De SILVA, Selvi	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	20 November 2004
DIAMANTE, Maria	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	21 October 2004
DUNN, Mitchell	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	15 May 2004
EBINGER, Emma	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
EDGAR, David	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
FLINN, Pauline	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	21 October 2004
GALEA, Sandra	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	17 November 2002
HALL, Susan	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	18 August 2002
HARPER, Jennifer	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
HOLDEN, Sandra B	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
JACKSON, Peter	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
JERICO, Helena	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
JESS, Natalie	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	20 November 2004
KATZ, Mandy	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	20 September 2003
KRALEVSKI, Vicki	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	13 December 2003
LAWLER, Celine	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	16 February 2003
McDONALD, Michele	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
MANSFIELD, Jennifer	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	18 April 2003
MANTELOS, Kathy	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
MARTIC, Mirjhana	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	19 March 2005
MATTHEWS, Pam	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	18 August 2002
MERRY, Nicole	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
MITTEN, Janine	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
MOHAN, Patrick	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	18 December 2002
MUNSLIE, Megan	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
NIETO, Felix	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
NINNIS, Anna	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
O'BRIEN Carmel	Freemasons Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
OSIANLIS, Grammatiki	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
PEREZ, Marta Jansa	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	19 March 2005
POPE, Adrienne	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	16 February 2004
REINKE, Susan	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	8 December 2002
RENDALL, Susan	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
RHO, Hwan-Cheol	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
RICHINGS, Nadine	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
SALEEM, Fareha	Freemasons Hos., The Royal Women's Hos., Mildura Private Hospital	Melbourne IVF	19 October 2002
SAYASENH, Thitphaphone	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	18 December 2002
SLUITER, Heather	Mildura Private Hospital	Mildura Repr. Medicine Cen.	31 December 2003
SMITH, Ben	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	18 December 2002
STEEVES, Tracey	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
VALIOTIS, Mary	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
VASSILIADIS, Anne	The Royal Women's Hospital, Freemasons Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
WALE, Petra	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	17 April 2004
WEBSTER, Debra	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
WICKS, Rachel	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
WILTON, Leeanda	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
WOOLHOUSE, Jenette	* See Note Opposite	Monash IVF	31 December 2003

APPENDIX 4

Doctors Approved under the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995*

Name DOCTORS	Licensed Place or Location for D.I.	Clinic	Approval Term
BAILEY, Catherine	Mildura Private Hospital	Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	31 December 2003
BOWDITCH, John	Mildura Private Hospital	Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	31 December 2003
BOYLE, Jacqueline	Mercy Hospital for Women	Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	16 October 2004
BURMEISTER, Lynn	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	10 September 2002
CLARKE, Geoffrey	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
DALTON, Russell	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	18 December 2002
DOBSON, Peter	Mercy Hospital for Women	Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	17 July 2004
DOWNING, Bruce	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
FOSTER, Penelope	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	
	Mildura Private Hospital	Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	31 December 2003
FOX, Gregory	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	13 December 2003
GILTRAP, Scott	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	18 December 2002
GRONOW, Michael	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
	Western Hospital, Sunshine		
HALE, Lyndon	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
HAVERFIELD, Maxwell	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	11 June 2005
HEALY, David	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 December 2004
HENSHAW, Richard	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	28 January 2005
HILL, David	Mercy Hospital for Women	Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	14 May 2005
KNIGHT, Rachael	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	17 April 2004
KOVACS, Gabor	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
KUHN, Raphael	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
LAWRENCE, Anthony	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
LAWRENCE, Mark	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
LEETON, John	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	23 April 2005
LOLATGIS, Nicholas	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
LOWE, Philip	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	10 September 2002
LUTJEN, Peter	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
McBAIN, John	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
	Mildura Private Hospital	Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	
McCULLY, Brian	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	17 April 2004
MURRAY, Andrew	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	19 March 2005
O'CALLAGHAN, David	Mercy Hospital for Women	Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	23 April 2005
PETTIGREW, Ian	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	19 March 2005
ROMBAUTS, Luk	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	10 September 2002
SPEIRS, Andrew	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
STEINBERG, Lionel	Mercy Hospital for Women	Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	19 June 2004
STERN, Catharyn	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
STURROCK, Timothy	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
TALBOT, James MacKenzie	Mercy Hospital for Women, * See Note Below	Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	31 December 2003
THOMAS, Adrian	Mercy Hospital for Women	Melbourne Assisted Conception Centre	20 May 2004
TRIVEDI, Amarendra	Mildura Private Hospital	Mildura Reproductive Medicine Centre	16 February 2003
TSALTAS, Jim	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	31 December 2003
VOLLENHOVEN, Beverley	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 December 2003
WEERASIRI, Anil Tilak	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	18 August 2002
WHITEHEAD, Julie	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	17 April 2004
WILKINSON, David	Freemasons Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	17 April 2004
WOOD, Edwin	* See Note Below	Monash IVF	31 December 2003

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APPENDIX 5

Research Scientists Approved under the *Infertility Treatment Act 1995*

Name RESEARCH SCIENTISTS	Place to be Licensed	Place	Approval Term
GOOK, Debra	Freemasons Hospital The Royal Women's Hospital	Melbourne IVF	19 June 2004
GRAS, Lynette R	Monash IVF	Monash IVF Pty Ltd	31 December 2003
JONES, Gayle	Monash University	Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development, Monash University	31 December 2003
TROUNSON, Alan	Monash University	Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development, Monash University	31 December 2003







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