

# Reducing Stillbirth National Roundtable

Tuesday 12 February 2019

Reps Committee Room 2R2

Parliament House, Canberra

9.30am to 3pm

**Facilitator:** Julie McCrossin AM, broadcaster and journalist.

## Aim of Roundtable

The aim of the Roundtable is to identify short, medium and long term national priorities and strategies for reducing stillbirth and provide advice on priorities for the initial investment announced by Minister Hunt to help reduce stillbirth in Australia (Minister's media release refers: attached to this package or at

[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/C3B4565F8EEC6AA5CA25835900833CD8/\\$File/GH165.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/C3B4565F8EEC6AA5CA25835900833CD8/$File/GH165.pdf)).

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	Welcome, housekeeping, plan and process for the day	Facilitator Julie McCrossin
<b>10.10am</b>	<p><b>PANEL 1 - National Action and Implementation Plan: Priority Strategies.</b></p> <p><u>Panel Members:</u> <b>Prof Vicki Flenady</b>, Mater Research – Centre of Research Excellence in Stillbirth. <b>Ms Jackie Mead</b>, SANDS/Pink Elephant Foundation <b>Dr Jo Walker</b>, National Rural Health Alliance <b>Prof Euan Wallace</b>, Monash University / Monash Health <b>Prof Jason Gardosi</b>, Perinatal Institute, Birmingham UK (via teleconference)</p> <p><u>Aim:</u> To identify key results to achieve and strategies to implement. To be a catalyst for the small groups discussions.</p> <p><u>Trigger questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the 3 priority results we must deliver within the: first 2 years, 5 years and 10 years?</li><li>• What are the 2 or 3 key short, medium and long-term national strategies that are essential to reduce the number of stillborn babies in Australia and improve the support for bereaved parents?</li><li>• What are the 2 or 3 most significant barriers to reducing the number of stillborn babies in Australia? What has stopped us</li></ul>	Plenary panel discussion with audience participation facilitated by Julie McCrossin

	<p>reducing these deaths in the past? What leadership is needed to overcome these barriers?</p> <p><i>For Prof Jason Gardosi:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What have you achieved in the United Kingdom in your efforts to reduce the number of stillborn babies?</li> <li>• What are the 3 or 4 key strategies that made this reduction possible?</li> <li>• What are the 3 key lessons you have learnt that may assist our work in Australia to reduce the number of babies who die in this way?</li> </ul>	
10:45am	<p><b>National Action and Implementation Plan: Priority Strategies.</b></p> <p>A chair and a minute taker will be appointed to record the comments of the group. Each individual will also be provided with work sheets for each of these questions which may be completed by individuals, if desired.</p> <p><u>Chairs:</u>  <b>Professor Vicki Flenady</b>, Mater Research – Centre of Research Excellence in Stillbirth  <b>Prof David Ellwood</b>, Griffith University, School of Medicine  <b>Ms Jo Walker</b>, National Rural Health Alliance  <b>Prof Euan Wallace</b>, Monash University / Monash Health</p> <p><u>Trigger questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the 3 priority results we must deliver within the: first 2 years, 5 years and 10 years?</li> <li>• What are 3 key priority short term, 3 key priority medium term and 3 key priority long-term national strategies that are essential to reduce the number of stillborn babies in Australia and improve the support for bereaved parents?</li> <li>• What are the 2 or 3 most significant barriers to reducing the number of stillborn babies in Australia? What has stopped us reducing these deaths in the past? What leadership is needed to overcome these barriers?</li> </ul>	Small group discussion
11:30am	<b>Minister Hunt to address participants.</b>	
11.40am	<b>SHORT BREAK</b>	
12.00pm	<p><b>National Action and Implementation Plan: Priority Results and Strategies.</b></p> <p><u>AIM:</u> To share the most significant priority messages arising from the small groups. (NOT a summary of all group discussions, which is in the minutes and your worksheets.)</p> <p>From your perspective, what are the 1 or 2 most significant results we must deliver within the next 2 years? What are the key strategies we must implement to deliver those results?</p>	Whole group discussion facilitated by Julie McCrossin.

	What is the single most significant barrier to reducing the number of stillborn babies in Australia? What must we do to overcome this barrier within 3 years?	
12.45pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1:15pm	<p><b>PANEL 2 - Education and Awareness Program + Stillbirth Research Funding: Committing funding to reduce the most deaths as quickly as possible.</b></p> <p><u>Chairs:</u>  <b>Prof Jonathan Morris</b>, Perinatal Society Australia &amp; New Zealand  <b>Ms Kate Lynch</b>, Stillbirth Foundation of Australia  <b>Dr Adrienne Gordon</b>, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital  <b>+1</b></p> <p><u>Panel Members:</u>  <b>Dr Adrienne Gordon</b>, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital  <b>Ms Claire Foord</b>, Still Aware  <b>Dr Adele Murdolo</b>, Multicultural Centre for Women’s Health  <b>Prof Jonathan Morris</b>, Perinatal Society Australia &amp; New Zealand</p> <p><u>Aim:</u>  To provide the Minister with guidance on funding priorities with consideration of the recommendations made in the Select Committee report.  To identify what the evidence tells us is the most effective way to spend this initial funding.</p> <p><u>Trigger questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the evidence tell us are the most effective ways to allocate the initial \$3m funding for a stillbirth education and awareness program and the initial \$3m funding for stillbirth research?</li> <li>• What does the evidence tell us will reduce the most deaths as quickly as possible, and reduce the distress of bereaved parents, so we can invest this money effectively with a focus on results?</li> </ul>	Plenary panel discussion with audience participation facilitated by Julie McCrossin
1.45 pm	<p><b>Education and Awareness Program + Stillbirth Research Funding: Committing funding to reduce the number of stillborn babies in Australia.</b></p> <p><u>Trigger questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the evidence tell us are the most effective ways to allocate the initial \$3m funding for a stillbirth education and awareness program and the initial \$3m funding for stillbirth research?</li> <li>• What does the evidence tell us will reduce the most deaths as quickly as possible, and reduce the distress of bereaved parents, so we can invest this money effectively with a focus on results?</li> </ul> <p>A chair and a minute taker will be appointed to record the comments of the group. Each individual will also be provided with</p>	Small group discussion

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<b>2:15pm</b>	<p><b>PANEL 3 - Key Messages on Priority Strategies: Funding Allocation and National Action and Implementation Plan</b></p> <p><u>Panel Members:</u>  <b>Adjunct Prof Debra Thoms</b>, Department of Health  <b>Ms Kate Lynch</b>, Stillbirth Foundation of Australia  <b>Ms Marni Tuala</b>, Congress of Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander  Nurses and Midwives  <b>Prof David Ellwood</b>, Griffith University, School of Medicine</p> <p>An opportunity to hear from as many people as possible.  In a nutshell, what are the 2 or 3 most significant messages arising  from today?</p>	Plenary panel discussion with audience participation facilitated by Julie McCrossin
<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>Thank You and What Next</b>	
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>	