

## **Minutes**

### **Meeting of ACART and the Ministry of Justice to discuss ACART's proposed amendments to the donation and surrogacy guidelines**

**Date** 10 November 2017  
**Time** 1.30 – 2.30 pm  
**Location** MoJ offices, Wellington  
**Present** Kathleen Logan, ACART  
Justine Dearsley, Caroline Greaney, Hayden Kerr, Andrew Goddard: MoJ  
Martin Kennedy, ACART Secretariat (scribe)

#### **Welcome**

1. Attendees introduced themselves and Kathleen summarised why ACART is doing this work. She noted that ACART works on policy matters and then addresses matters of discrimination, particularly to see whether possible discrimination would be justified.

#### **Discussion**

2. There was a discussion about the family gamete guidelines and why some family gametes were regulated by the guidelines while others were established procedures. Kathleen commented that ideally all family gamete donations should be treated equally.
3. Kathleen explained that ACART will address matters of the posthumous use of embryos in 2018 when it consults on the posthumous reproduction guidelines.
4. The MoJ had no objections to the proposals. Their primary area of interest was in the implications for the HART Act and how any amendments might be made.
5. Martin observed that if the donation and surrogacy guidelines were changed they could allow for single men to have surrogates gestate children for them. There was a brief conversation about adoption in this context, and MoJ offered to provide the contact details of an advisor who worked in the Adoption Act area.
6. MoJ staff noted that it might be helpful for ACART to engage with Oranga Tamariki on some of the issues.

**End.**