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## An end to anonymity

THE RIGHT not to tell and the right to know are rarely in sharper conflict than in the matter of sperm donation. Until now, respect for the anonymity of the donor has prevailed, largely for practical reasons. How many men would be prepared to be donors, it was asked, if they could later be traced by the children that they had helped to conceive? Far more, it transpires from pilot studies, than was initially thought. Which is why Baroness Warnock, who advised on the original legislation, is right to have changed her mind on the balance of principle; and why – with appropriate safeguards – the law should change, too.

Any change should not be retrospective. But if would-be donors are not deterred by the prospect of losing their anonymity, there is no good reason why their biological offspring should not be allowed to know who they are, and every reason – medical, social, cultural and personal – why they should.

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*Let op: beantwoord een open vraag altijd in het Nederlands, behalve als het anders is aangegeven. Als je in het Engels antwoordt, levert dat 0 punten op.*

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