



Roundtable forum on youth suicide prevention programs

20 April 2010

Cliftons Training Rooms, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne

The House of Representatives Health Committee will convene a panel of experts, academics, medical practitioners to discuss issues surrounding the prevention of youth suicide at a roundtable forum being held in **Cliftons Training Rooms, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne** on **Tuesday, 20 April 2010**.

According to the Inspire Foundation, suicide is one of the leading causes of death among Australians aged 15 – 24, alongside road and traffic accidents. In addition, according to Orygen Youth Health, one in four young people will experience a mental health condition at any time in the next 12 months.

Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas MP (Member for Hindmarsh, SA) said, “These are staggering statistics. Therefore, the Committee has decided to convene a roundtable of experts in Melbourne to better understand early intervention programs aimed at preventing youth suicide. The Committee hopes that this forum will discuss what works and why, in the area of suicide prevention, so that we can take these lessons forward into future suicide prevention programs.”

The committee will hear from representatives of the following organisations:

- Orygen Youth Health;
- headspace;
- beyondblue: the national depression initiative;
- MindSavers;
- The Australian Psychological Society; and
- The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

The roundtable forum will commence at **1:00 pm**, and discussion will be focused around two topics, namely:

1. What are the facts; and
2. How can we prevent youth suicide

All are welcome to attend.

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair, Steve Georganas on (08) 8376 9000 (Electorate office).

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