SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

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SENATE INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARING IN CANBERRA

The Senate Select Committee on Mental Health will hold its **first public hearing** in Canberra tomorrow, **Thursday 19 May 2005**.

The Committee will hear from representatives of the Mental Health Council of Australia, which is the national representative network for organisations and individuals involved in mental health care, policy and research. Also appearing will be representatives of:

- the Australian Medical Association;
- the Centre for Mental Health Research at the Australian National University;
- the Police Federation of Australia.

The Committee will also hear a presentation by Professor of Psychology Gary Bond, who is visiting from the USA as part of Schizophrenia Awareness Week.

The hearing is to be held in Committee Room 2S1 at Parliament House, and is open to the public from 10.30am. The program for the hearing is attached.

Senator Lyn Allison
Committee Chair

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PUBLIC HEARING
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Thursday
19 May 2005
9.00am – 4:45pm

Committee Room 2S1
Parliament House, Canberra

PROGRAM

9:00 – 10:15	(in-camera request) (in-camera presentation)
10:15 – 10:30	**Morning Tea**
10:30 – 11:15	**Mental Health Council of Australia (Submission 262)** **Council Executive Committee** The Hon. Keith Wilson, Chair Mr John Mendoza, Chief Executive Officer Ms Dawn Smith, Deputy Chair Professor Ian Hickie The Hon. Rob Knowles Ms Christine Goonrey
11:15 – 12:15	**Police Federation of Australia – (Submission 254)** Mr Mark Burgess, Chief Executive Officer
12:15 – 1:15	**Lunch**
1:15 – 2:15 (presentation)	**Centre for Mental Health Research (ANU) – (Submission 186)** Dr Kathleen Griffiths, Senior Fellow & Director, Depression and Anxiety Consumer Research Unit
2:15 – 3:00	**Australian Medical Association (AMA) – (Submission 167)** Dr Martin Nothling, AMA Federal Councillor Dr Chong Sien Yong, AMA Executive Councillor Dr Bill Pring, AMA Representative
3:00 – 3:15	**Afternoon Tea**
3:15 – 4:45 (presentation)	**Professor Gary Bond** Chancellor's Professor of Psychology at Indiana University, Purdue University, Indianapolis. **Mr Geoffrey Waghorn** (Psychologist, PhD Candidate) Policy and Economics Group, Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research.