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 a **public hearing** in Canberra on **Monday 4 July 2005**.

The Committee will hear from various organisations including:

- The ACT Government;
- Several nursing peak bodies;
- The National Rural Health Alliance; and
- Lifeline.

The hearing is to be held in Committee Room 2S1 at Parliament House, and is open to the public from 9.00am. The program for the hearing is attached.

Senator Lyn Allison
Committee Chair

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PUBLIC HEARING - CANBERRA

Monday 4 July 2005
9.00am – 5.00pm

Committee Room 2S1
Parliament House, Canberra

PROGRAM

9:00 – 10:00	**The Richmond Fellowship of Australia (Submission 234)** Mr Wilf Rath, Chief Executive Officer, RF ACT & President RF Australia Mr Fred Kong, Chief Executive Officer, RF NSW **Catholic Welfare Australia (Submission 302)** Fr Joe Caddy, Chairperson Mr Frank Quinlan, Executive Director
10:00 – 10:45	**ACT Government (Submission 165)** Dr Tony Sherbon, Chief Executive ACT Health Mr Brian Jacobs, General Manager, Mental Health ACT Ms Linda Trompf, Director, Mental Health Policy Unit
10:45 – 11:00	***Morning Tea***
11.00 – 11.40	**Catholic Health Australia (Submission 276)** Mr Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer
11:40 – 12:20	**The Association for Australian Rural Nurses (AARN), Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses (ANZCMHN), Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA) (Submission 321)** Ms Wendy Armstrong, Executive Director, (AARN) Ms Kim Ryan, Executive Officer, (ANZCMHN) Ms Elizabeth Foley, Director, Policy, (RCNA) Ms Donna Hodgson, Clinical Nurse Consultant and member of ANZCMHN and RCNA
12:20 – 1:20	***Lunch***
1:20 – 2:00	**Australian Private Hospitals Association (APHA) (Submission 143)** Ms Christine Gee, Chair Mr Michael Roff, Executive Director Mr Paul Mackey, Director Policy and Research
2:00 – 2:40	**Australian Health Insurance Association (AHIA) (Submission 292)** Mr Russell Schneider, Chief Executive Officer
2:40 – 3:00	***Afternoon Tea***
3:00 – 3:40	**National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) (Submission 181)** Mrs Jenny May, Secretary of the Alliance Mr Gordon Gregory, Executive Director Ms Anita Phillips, Communications Manager Ms Joan Lipscombe, Consultant
3:40 – 4:20	**Australian Divisions of General Practice (ADGP) (Submission 308)** Dr Rob Waters, Chair Ms Kate Carnell, Chief Executive Officer Ms Leanne Wells, Manager, Policy and Development
4:20 – 5:00	**Lifeline (Submission 329)** Ms Dawn Smith, Chief Executive Officer