



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday 20 April 2015**

**Committee Room 2S3  
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
8.30 am	<b>Medicines Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 142</i> ) Mr Tim James, Chief Executive Officer Mr David Gallagher, Board Member Dr Mark Tennyson, Board Member
9.20 am	<b>Ovarian Cancer Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 137</i> ) Dr Kathy Nielsen, Director, Research and Advocacy  <b>Australian Melanoma Research Foundation</b> ( <i>Submission 199</i> ) Mr Brendan Coventry, Research Director Mr Martin Ashdown, Research Fellow, Faculty of Medicine, University of Melbourne  <b>Leukaemia Foundation of Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 123</i> ) Mr Anthony Steele, Head of Blood Cancer Support Mr Chris Brugger Mrs Naomi Brugger  <b>Cure Brain Cancer Foundation</b> ( <i>Submission 187</i> ) Mr Barrie Littlefield, Head of Engagement Ms Michelle Stewart, Head of Research Strategy
10.25 am	<b>Novartis Oncology</b> ( <i>Submission 87</i> ) Mr Christoph Lorez, General Manager Ms Jodie Thomas, Head of Access to Medicines and Pricing  <b>Merck Sharp and Dohme Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 120</i> ) Ms Christian Sellars, Director, Market Access and Public Affairs Ms Nicola Richards, Head of Public Affairs  <b>Roche Products</b> ( <i>Submission 114</i> ) Mr David Pullar, Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager Ms Carlene Todd, Director, Market Access and Pricing
11.15 am	<i>Morning tea</i>

11.25 am	<p><b>CanTeen</b> (<i>Submission 146</i>) Mr Peter Orchard, Chief Executive Officer Dr Michael Osborn, Lead Clinician, Youth Cancer Service South Australian/Northern Territory</p> <p><b>Australian and New Zealand Children's Haematology Oncology Group</b> (<i>Submission 152</i>) Dr Chris Fraser, Chair Dr Luce Dalla-Pozza, Board Member</p> <p><b>The Kids' Cancer Project</b> (<i>Submission 192</i>) Mr Peter Neilson, Director of Strategy and Partnerships Ms Sue Anderson Ms Brianna Preobrajensky</p>
12.35 pm	<p><b>Rare Cancers Australia</b> (<i>Submission 92</i>) Mr Richard Vines, Executive Chair Mr John Cannings</p> <p><b>Unicorn Foundation</b> (<i>Submission 130</i>) Ms Simone Leyden, Chief Executive Officer</p>
1.25 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1.55 pm	<p><b>Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia</b> (<i>Submission 112</i>) Ms Emily Diprose, Federal Councillor (ACT Representative) Ms Susan Alexander, Member</p> <p><b>Cancer Council Australia and Clinical Oncology Society of Australia</b> (<i>Submission 145</i>) Mr Paul Grogan, Director, Public Policy and Advocacy, Cancer Council Australia Mrs Suzanne Kirsas, Advisor and Member, Clinical Oncology Society of Australia</p> <p><b>Palliative Care Australia</b> (<i>Submission 83</i>) Ms Amanda Bresnan, National Policy and Programs Manager Dr Michael Chapman, Secretary, Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine (Palliative Care Australia member organisation)</p> <p><b>Medical Oncology Group of Australia (possibly via Videoconference)</b> (<i>Submission 108</i>) Dr Christopher Steer, Member</p> <p><b>Private Cancer Physicians of Australia Limited (possibly via Videoconference)</b> (<i>Submission 117</i>) Dr Christopher Steer, President</p>

3.00 pm	<p><b>Cancer Drugs Alliance</b> (<i>Submission 53</i>) Professor John Zalcberg, Co-Chair</p> <p><b>Melanoma Patients Australia</b> (<i>Submission 116</i>) Ms Hayley Andersen, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Advanced Prostate Cancer Support Group</b> (<i>Submission 105</i>) Mr Jim Marshall, Convenor</p> <p><b>Australian Melanoma Consumer Alliance</b> (<i>Submission 144</i>) Ms Louise Marshall, Founding Member</p> <p><b>Breast Cancer Network Australia</b> (<i>Submission 90</i>) Ms Kathy Wells, Head, Policy, Research and Advocacy Mrs Karen Cowley, Consumer Representative and Cancer Survivor</p>
4.10 pm	<p><b>Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (via teleconference)</b> (<i>Submission 196</i>) Dr Suzanne Hill, Former Chair</p>
4.55 pm	<p><b>Australian Government Department of Health</b> (<i>Submission 197</i>) Mr Andrew Stuart, Deputy Secretary Ms Felicity McNeill, First Assistant Secretary, Pharmaceutical Benefits Division Ms Adriana Platona, Assistant Secretary, Pharmaceutical Evaluation Branch, Pharmaceutical Benefits Division</p>
5.40 pm	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>