



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Equitable access to diagnosis and treatment for individuals with rare and less common cancers, including neuroendocrine cancer**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday 1 March 2024**

**Committee Room 1S3, Parliament House  
Parliament Dr, Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
11.30 am	<b>Zero Childhood Cancer Program</b> Associate Professor Vanessa Tyrrell, ZERO Program Director Anastasia Glushko, Stakeholder Engagement Manager Dr Nick Gottardo, Consultant Pediatric Oncologist at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children
12.15 pm	<b>Australian Teletrial Program</b> Ms Kaye Hewson, Director Australian Teletrial Program (National Office) Professor Julie White, Executive Director Office of Research and Innovation Dr Wei-Sen Lam, WA Country team and Oncologist and Head of Service, Medical Oncology  <b>Canberra Health Services (Interstate Patient Travel Assistance Scheme)</b> Florence Young, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Ms Clare Crawford, Senior Direction, Revenue and Hospital Financial
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b><i>Lunch Break</i></b>
1.45 pm	<b>National Rural Health Alliance (Submission 7)</b> Ms Clare Fitzmaurice, Policy and Data Analytics Officer Ms Margaret Deerain, Director of Policy and Strategy Development Dr Ian Kamerman, Secretary, Rural Doctors Association (NSW)
2.45 pm	<b>Department of Health and Aged Care (Submission 1)</b> Ms Adriana Platona, First Assistant Secretary, Technology Assessment and Access Division Ms Renaye Lucchese, Assistant Secretary, Genomics and Health Ms Arianne Hermann, Acting First Assistant Secretary Dr Masha Somi, Assistant Secretary Ms Natasha Ploenges, Chief Executive Officer, Health and Medical Research Office  <b>Cancer Australia (Submission 43)</b> Professor Dorothy Keefe, Chief Executive Officer Ms Claire Howlett, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  <b>National Health and Medical Research Council (Submission 2)</b> Dr Nicholas Johnson, Executive Director, Research Partnerships Branch Dr Julie Glover, Research Foundations Branch
<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>