

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AGEING

Chair: Steve Georganas MP Deputy Chair: Steve Irons MP

Bee's knees of dementia care comes to Canberra

A leading dementia organisation will be in Canberra next week to highlight difficulties in prescribing dementia medication to patients in need.

Cognitive Dementia & Memory Services (CDAMS) Victoria will be the key witness at a public hearing of the Health and Ageing Committee on Tuesday 21 August 2012.

Committee Chair, Steve Georganas MP said he was looking forward to hearing about the group's world-class approach to dementia diagnoses and care.

"This organisation really is the bee's knees of dementia diagnosis and care in Australia" he said.

"I can't wait to hear about how they work and what ideas we could apply to other dementia services across the nation".

The organisation will recommend that more nurses should be given training in dementia and that cutting red tape in the prescription of dementia medication should be a priority.

PROGRAM

12:00pm Cognitive Dementia & Memory Services (CDAMS) Victoria 1:00pm Close

VENUE: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House CANBERRA ACT

All are welcome to attend.

The hearing will be webcast live on: www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

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