



Roundtable in Perth to examine plans to fight the spread of infectious disease

Australia's ability to respond to a national or global health crisis involving the spread of infectious disease will be one of the issues discussed at a parliamentary roundtable to be held in Perth on 8 August.

As part of a series of roundtables for its inquiry into *Health issues across international borders*, the House of Representatives Health Committee will hear evidence regarding issues such as the coordination between the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments and non-government agencies.

Committee chair Steve Georganas said the challenge was how to deal with diseases which have no respect for borders.

"As international travel increases, public health experts are determining how they might continue to protect Australians from the importation of infectious disease to our shores," Mr Georganas said.

"The committee is interested in how our states and territories work with the Commonwealth to plan for and respond to the threat of epidemic or pandemic infectious disease outbreaks in Australia."

Participants attending the roundtable will include representatives from the Western Australian Department of Health, the Telethon Institute of Child Health Research and the University of Western Australia.

PROGRAM

9.00 am	Session one
10.30 am	Break
11.00 am	Session two
1.00 pm	Close

VENUE: Legislative Council Committee Office (LCCO),
Committee Room 2
Ground Floor, 18-32 Parliament Place, West Perth

Observers are welcome

The hearing will be webcast live on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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