



Overseas trained doctors inquiry moves to Townsville

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing will be in Townsville to hold a public hearing on Friday 12 August 2011. The Committee is currently inquiring into the registration processes and support available for overseas trained doctors (OTDs) seeking full Australian registration and accreditation. Ways to remove impediments and promote pathways for OTDs to achieve full Australian qualification, particularly in regional areas, without lowering the necessary standards required by colleges and regulatory bodies will also be canvassed.

Chair of the Committee, Mr Steve Georganas MP said "This public hearing will provide the Committee with a further opportunity to speak with a number of OTDs who have experienced the registration process as well as those involved in the training of OTDs to assist them in gaining full Australian registration".

PROGRAM

10.00am	Professor Ajay Rane (Private Individual)
10:30am	Associate Professor John Stokes (Private Individual)
11:00am	Dr Frank Quigley (Private Individual)
11.30am	<i>Break</i>
11.45am	Tropical Medical Training
12:15pm	School of Medicine and Dentistry, James Cook University
12:45pm	<i>Close</i>

**The hearing will be held in Victoria Room at the Ibis Hotel,
12-14 Palmer Street, South Townsville.**

All are welcome to attend.

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

For media comment, please contact the Chair of the Committee, Mr Steve Georganas by phone on (08) 8376 9000.

For all other enquiries, please contact the Committee Secretariat by phone on (02) 6277 4145 or visit the Committee's website: www.apph.gov.au/haa.