

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AGEING

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Chair: Steve Georganas MP Deputy Chair: Steve Irons MP

Tony Crook MP to appear before overseas trained doctors inquiry in Canberra

The House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday 23 August 2011 with Federal Member for O'Connor, Mr Tony Crook MP. Mr Crook's electorate of O'Connor covers an area of approximately 900,000 sq km from the Gibson Desert in the north to Albany in the south. The main centres include the City of Albany and the City of Kalgoorlie.

Mr Crook was elected to the seat of O'Connor in 2010. Prior to his election, Mr Crook was Chairman of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Western Operations Board for 10 years from 1999 – 2009. He also served as National Chairman from 1999 – 2002.

Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas MP said "The Committee has heard a great deal about the impact of Australia's accreditation and registration system for overseas trained doctors on regional and rural Australia. Today's public hearing provides the Committee with a unique opportunity to hear from a Member of Federal Parliament who hails from a rural electorate which is impacted by this regulatory system".

PROGRAM

12:45pmMr Tony Crook MP1:15pmClose

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House CANBERRA

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

All are welcome to attend.

For media comment, please contact Hannah Frank from the Office of Steve Georganas MP, Committee Chair on (08) 8376 9000.

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