

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AGEING

Chair: Steve Georganas MP Deputy Chair: Steve Irons MP

Overseas Trained Doctors Inquiry moves to Adelaide

The House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday 9 September 2011 in Adelaide to discuss 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 OTD's to achieve full Australian qualification, particularly in regional areas, without lowering the necessary standards required by colleges and regulatory bodies will be explored.

Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas MP said: "The delivery of health services, particularly in regional South Australia relies heavily on overseas trained doctors. The Committee will hear from a range of stakeholders including those who recruit, train and educate doctors, those who deliver primary health care services, as well as those who require such services to be provided within their communities".

PROGRAM

10:00am	Sturt Fleurieu
10:30am	Adelaide to Outback GP Training Program
11:00am	Break
11:30am	Royal Flying Doctor Service (South Australia)
12:00pm	Break
1:00pm	Dr Nicola Dean
1:30pm	Associate Professor John Svigos
2:00pm	Group of Concerned Burra & District Residents
2:30pm	Rural Doctors Workforce Agency
3:00pm	Close

The hearing will be held in the The Plaza Room, Legislative Council (Parliament of South Australia) North Terrace, Adelaide SA

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

All are welcome to attend.

For media comment, please contact Ms Hannah Frank from the office of Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas MP by phone on (08) 8376 9000.

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