



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AGEING
NEW INQUIRY: Registration Processes and Support Available to
Overseas Trained Doctors

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Steve Georganas MP
Deputy Chair: Steve Irons MP

Overseas Trained Doctors Inquiry moves to Brisbane

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing will hold a public hearing in Brisbane on Thursday 10 March to discuss the registration processes and support available for Overseas Trained Doctors (OTD's) seeking full Australian recognition.

Committee Chair **Mr Steve Georganas, MP** said: "The Committee has already taken evidence which points to a range of issues faced by medical practitioners in achieving registration and accreditation of their overseas qualifications. In particular the inconsistent range of requirements imposed by different Government, regulatory and professional organisations has been emphasised."

The Committee will hear from the following witnesses:

Time	Witness
9.30am	Queensland Health
10.15am	Dr Viney Joshi (individual)
10.45am	<i>Break</i>
11.00am	Doctors' Forum (individuals)
12.30pm	<i>Break</i>
1.15pm	A/Prof Michael Steyn and A/Prof Kersi Taraporewalla (individuals)
2.00pm	Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
2.45pm	Health Workforce Queensland
3.30pm	<i>Close</i>

Public are welcome to attend.

The hearing will be held in **UQ Business School Downtown, Level 19, Central Plaza One, 345 Queen Street (cnr of Creek Street), BRISBANE** on Thursday 10 March 2011. The hearing will be webcast live on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

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

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