



Sydney Public Hearing Announced for Overseas Trained Doctors Inquiry

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing will hold a public hearing on Thursday 31 March 2011 to discuss the registration processes and support available for Overseas Trained Doctors (OTDs) seeking full Australian registration.

The Committee will speak with representatives of the NSW Department of Health, NSW Rural Doctors network and also a panel of overseas trained doctors regarding their experiences with the Occupational English Test – a requirement for those seeking registration as a medical practitioner. A number of specialist medical colleges will also provide a further insight into their assessment processes.

Committee Chair **Mr Steve Georganas, MP** said: “The Committee’s hearing in Sydney is an opportunity to speak to more overseas trained doctors about their experiences in a very complex system and a further opportunity to continue the Committee’s discussions with organisational stakeholders to increase the transparency and efficiency of the registration and accreditation process.”

The program is outlined below:

9.30 am	New South Wales Department of Health
10.15 am	New South Wales Rural Doctor’s Network
11.00 am	Break
11.15 am	Doctor’s Forum into the Occupational English Test
12.15	Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges
12.45 pm	Break
1.30 pm	Specialist Colleges Forum
	The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
	The Royal Australian College of Radiologists
	Royal College of Pathologists Australia
	The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
3.00 pm	Close

The hearing will be held in **The Jubilee Room, Parliament of NSW, Macquarie St, SYDNEY** on **Thursday 31 March 2011**. The hearing will be webcast live on:

<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

All are welcome to attend.

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.aph.gov.au/haa.