

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AGEING

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 28 June 2011

Chair: Steve Georganas MP Deputy Chair: Steve Irons MP

Overseas Trained Doctors Inquiry moves to Perth

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing will hold a public hearing on Tuesday 28 June 2011 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.

Chair of the Committee, Mr Steve Georganas MP said: "Given the geography of Western Australia, the State relies heavily on OTDs who form an integral part of its regional and rural medical workforce. This hearing will enable the Committee to speak to a number of OTDs affected by the registration process as well as discuss some of the registration impediments for employers in hospitals and local area health services".

PROGRAM

10.00am	WA Country Health
10.45am	Rural Health West
11.15am	Break
11.30am	Forum with Overseas Trained Doctors
12:30pm	Break
1:30pm	Forum with Hospitals and Health Services
2:30pm	Close

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 2 at the Legislative Assembly Committees Office located at Level 1 / 11 Harvest Terrace, West Perth

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: <u>www.aph.gov.au/haa</u>.