



Overseas Trained Doctors Inquiry to discuss GP training

General Practice Education and Training Limited will appear before the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing at a public hearing on Tuesday 5 July 2011.

Central to discussion will be the educational, training and support opportunities available to International Medical Graduates (IMGs) who wish to work in Australia in general practice. General practice is the cornerstone of the Australian health care system and central to the delivery of primary health care services to Australian communities.

Ways to remove impediments and promote pathways for IMGs to achieve full Australian qualification, particularly in regional areas, without lowering the necessary standards required by colleges and regulatory bodies will be also be explored.

Chair of the Committee, Mr Steve Georganas MP said: "General practice is one of the foundations of medical practice in all Australian communities. For many people living in regional and rural communities, general practitioners often provide the only locally available medical services. This hearing will allow to Committee to further explore how IMGs wishing to work in general practice can best be supported".

PROGRAM

12:00pm	General Practice Education and Training Limited
12:30pm	Close

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

Live webcast available at: <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.

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