



Overseas trained doctors inquiry moves to Cairns

The House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee will be in Cairns to hold a public hearing on Thursday 11 August 2011. The Committee is currently inquiring into 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 OTDs to achieve full Australian qualification, particularly in regional areas, without lowering the necessary standards required by colleges and regulatory bodies will be canvassed.

Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas MP said "Given the reliance of Far North Queensland on OTDs, the hearing will give the Committee an opportunity to speak with doctors working in the region, along with those who directly employ and train OTDs."

Mr Georganas added "While the Committee understands that there are issues of local community interest, it is keen to emphasise that the purpose of its inquiry is to investigate broader systemic issues which can be addressed by a Federal Parliamentary Committee through recommendations made when it reports to the Government."

PROGRAM

11.15am	Cairns Base Hospital
11.45am	Dr Stuart Phillips (Private Capacity)
12:15pm	Mr Vick Kandiah (Private Capacity)
12:45pm	Mr Brian Hoffman (Private Capacity)
1:15pm	Close

**The hearing will be held in Bluewater Rooms 1&2 at the Sebel Hotel,
17 Abbott Street, Cairns Queensland.**

All are welcome to attend.

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 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.