

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AGEING

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Chair: Steve Georganas MP Deputy Chair: Steve Irons MP

Overseas trained doctors inquiry to hear from regulators in Canberra

The House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday 19 August 2011 with the Australian Medical Council and the Medical Board of Australia.

The Agencies will appear before the Committee 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 OTDs to achieve full Australian qualification, particularly in regional areas, without lowering the necessary standards required by colleges and regulatory bodies will be explored.

Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas MP said "This will be the second time that the Committee has had the opportunity to hear from both organisations. It will provide the Committee with a valuable opportunity to clarify some of the issues which have been raised since the first hearing in February".

PROGRAM

9.30am	Australian Medical Council
10.45am	Break
11.00am	Medical Board of Australia
12:30pm	Close

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House CANBERRA

The hearing will be webcast live on: http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/.

All are welcome to attend.

For media comment, please contact Hannah Frank from the Office of Steve Georganas MP, Committee Chair on 02 6277 4415.

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