APPENDIX 2

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the Bill on 13 October 2005 in Senate Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra.

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Humphries (Chairman) Senator Moore (Deputy Chair Senator Adams Senator Allison Senator Fielding Senator McLucas Senator Polley

Witnesses

Australian Medical Association

Mr John O'Dea, Director, Medical Practice Department

Women's Health Victoria

Ms Marilyn Beaumont, Executive Director

Ms Kerrilie Rice, Policy & Research Officer

Medical Industry Association of Australia

Mr David Ross, Director, Healthcare Access

National Association of Practising Psychiatrists

Dr Gil Anaf, past President

Department of Health and Ageing

Ms Rosemary Huxtable, First Assistant Secretary, Medical and Pharmaceutical Services Division

Ms Samantha Robertson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Medicare Benefits Branch