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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AGED CARE AND SPORT

Inquiry into the Hearing Health and Wellbeing of Australia

Wednesday, 1 March 2017

Reform in the Hearing Health Sector

On Friday 3 March 2017, the Department of Health and other government agencies will appear before the Parliament's Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport as part of its *Inquiry into the Hearing Health and Wellbeing of Australia*.

The implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme will result in changes to the way hearing health services in Australia are delivered and funded. Representatives of the Department of Health, Australian Hearing and the National Disability Insurance Agency will appear before the Committee to discuss these changes.

Committee Chair, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP, stated 'the Committee is investigating how the delivery of hearing services will be structured once the NDIS is fully implemented. Most importantly, the Committee will be examining what this means for hearing impaired Australians and what is being done to protect, and where possible, improve the quality of Australian hearing services.'

Further information about the Committee's inquiry, including the public hearing program is available at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Health_Aged_Care_and_Sport.

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS:

**Friday 3 March 2017, 8.30 am to 12.30 pm,
Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, CANBERRA.**

Live Remote Captioning is available for this hearing, for more details please see:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Health_Aged_Care_and_Sport/HearingHealth/Public_Hearings

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Background:

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