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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport *Inquiry into the Hearing Health and Wellbeing of Australia*

Issue date: 14 June 2017

Hearing Services under the NDIS

On Friday, 16 June 2017 the Australian Parliament's Health, Aged Care and Sport Committee will be holding a public hearing in Canberra as part of its *Inquiry into the Hearing Health and Wellbeing of Australia*.

A focus of the public hearing will be the impact of the NDIS on the provision of hearing services, including eligibility criteria, how children with hearing loss will continue to receive timely access to services and what supports will be available.

The Committee Chair, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP, stated that 'the introduction of the NDIS will be a significant change in the way hearing services are delivered in Australia. The Committee will be investigating how hearing services can be structured under the NDIS to ensure that hearing impaired Australians have access to the highest quality of services possible in the future.'

As part of its public hearing the Committee will hold a roundtable discussion focussing on the transition of hearing services to the NDIS with representatives of the National Disability Insurance Agency, the Deafness Forum of Australia, First Voice, and the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

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

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS:

8.45 am to 1.30 pm, Friday, 16 June 2017

Committee Room 1R1, 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. The hearing will also be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live.

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