



Chronic Disease in South Australia

In 2007, 46 per cent of South Australians had been diagnosed with at least one chronic disease, with at least 15 percent of the population being diagnosed with two or more conditions. Evidence from more recent studies suggests that two-thirds of South Australians suffering from chronic disease have two or more chronic conditions.

On Friday, 4 March 2016, the House of Representatives Health Committee will conduct a public hearing in Adelaide as part of its Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care. The Committee will hear from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the Australian General Practice Network, South Australian Primary Health Networks, the Improvement Foundation, the Australian Health Promotion Association, Flinders University Human Behaviour and Health Research Unit and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Steve Irons MP, Chair of the Committee said: 'The Committee will visit Adelaide to hear about the delivery of chronic disease care and prevention services in urban, rural and remote settings in South Australia. Programs such as OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) have delivered good outcomes in South Australia, and the Committee will hear more about similar programs, such as the Northern Wellbeing: Living Well with Serious Illness program, and how general practice and other providers promote and manage such programs.'

'The promotion of chronic disease prevention programs is important to managing the lifestyle factors that can lead to avoidable conditions in later life. The programs the Committee will hear about are essential to ensuring that the future burden of these conditions is realised and reduced.' Mr Irons said.

Details of the hearing are:

Friday, 4 March – 8.30 am to 2.20 pm
Balcony Room
Parliament of South Australia
Cnr North Terrace & King William Road
Adelaide

A program and further information about the inquiry is available at: www.aph.gov.au/chronicdisease

Audio of the hearing will be broadcast live at: www.aph.gov.au/live

For media comment, please contact Jonathan Martin from the office of Mr Steve Irons MP on 0439 412 855. **Inquiry information:** please contact the committee secretariat on: (02) 6277 4145 or visit the committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/health.