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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Trade Sub-Committee

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Hon Bruce Scott MP

Deputy Chair: Maria Vamvakinou MP

Australian healthcare provider Aspen Medical to discuss breaking into Middle Eastern markets

From providing combat first aid training to running an ambulance service in the United Arab Emirates, Australian healthcare provider Aspen Medical will discuss how it is making inroads into Middle Eastern markets with federal parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade at a public hearing in Canberra tomorrow.

The Trade Sub-Committee's inquiry into trade with the Middle East will hear from Aspen Medical's senior executives about the potential of Australia's services sector to find new export opportunities in a region with a population of more than 350 million.

Aspen Medical has become a world leader in delivering cost-effective customised healthcare services in all settings, including those that are in remote, challenging or under-resourced places. Aspen Medical has over 2,200 employees working in operations that span Australia, the Pacific, the USA, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Aspen Medical's experience from providing a new ambulance services in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in partnership with the Abu Dhabi Police saw the National Ambulance Company win a contract to provide helicopter emergency medical services to the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and its subsidiaries – one of the world's largest oil and gas companies.

Aspen Medical's training courses are designed for both Australian and UAE military personnel and civilians before they are deployed to provide medical service to their colleagues in the field and stabilise them until an evacuation can be completed. The aim is to prepare personnel and civilians to treat combat casualties in dangerous circumstances where they may still be under fire.

Public hearing

Date/Time Wednesday 2 December 2015, 11:05 am

Location Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

Organisation Aspen Medical

Live audio broadcast will be available at www.aph.gov.au/live

For media comment: contact the Trade sub-committee Chair, the Hon Bruce Scott MP on (02) 6277 4949 (Parliament House).

For background information: Further details about the inquiry, including the full terms of reference and how to contribute, can be obtained from the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jfadt or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 2313 or emailing jscfadt@aph.gov.au.