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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Defence Sub Committee

**MEDIA ALERT**

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Chair: Senator Mark Furner  
Deputy: Dr Dennis Jensen MP

# Inquiry into care of Australian Defence Force personnel wounded and injured on operations

*Public Hearing on Friday 8 February*

Tomorrow several leading South Australian figures in the care and repatriation of wounded and injured veterans will appear before the parliamentary inquiry into the care of Australian Defence Force personnel wounded and injured on operations.

The chair of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator Mark Furner, said the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade was very concerned about the treatment of wounded and injured ADF personnel while in operational areas. Equally as important, however are their repatriation arrangements and their care on return to Australia, including ongoing health, welfare, and rehabilitation support arrangements.

“With the transfer of 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment to South Australia, and with their recent deployments to Afghanistan, it is important that there is a solid, systematic veterans’ support base in Adelaide”, Senator Furner said. “We are very interested in hearing about not only local success stories, but also recommendations for improvement in veterans’ welfare”.

## Program

Plaza Room, State Parliament House, Adelaide

0900 – 0950	Prof Sandy McFarlane AO	Centre for Traumatic Stress Studies
1010 – 1100	Dr Glen Edwards	Disaster related PTSD expert
1100 – 1145	A/Prof Susan Neuhaus CSC	Chair of the Repatriation Foundation
1240 – 1330	Mr Michael von Berg MC	Veterans’ Advisory Council
	SGT Craig Hansen, 7th Battalion	
1330 – 1415	A/Prof Rob Atkinson AM RFD	Orthopaedic Surgeon

The public hearing will be audio webcast live on:

[http://www.apf.gov.au/News\\_and\\_Events/Watch\\_Parliament](http://www.apf.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)

Terms of reference for the inquiry and submissions can be found at:

[www.apf.gov.au/jfadt](http://www.apf.gov.au/jfadt)

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