



Registration of overseas trained Physiotherapists and Engineers under examination

The Migration Committee will hear from the Department of Health and Ageing, Engineers Australia and the Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulating Authorities as part of its inquiry into skills recognition, upgrading and licensing at a public hearing on 27 February in Canberra.

“There has been considerable concern about ongoing shortages of health and other professionals, and the assessment of overseas trained medical personnel. COAG has indicated a number of areas where changes will be made, including a national assessment process for overseas qualified doctors. We are interested in examining what might this might involve” Committee Chairman, Don Randall MP said.

At the public hearing, the Committee will also take evidence from the Tasmanian Government (by video link).

The Committee is looking at skills recognition not only for migrants, but also for those who come to Australia outside the skilled migration system, such as temporary residents needing skills assessment and Australian citizens returning to Australia with overseas qualifications. In addition, the Committee is comparing Australia’s overseas skills recognition arrangements with those of other major immigration countries and whether greater consistency in the recognition of qualifications might be achieved among Australian States and Territories.

Public hearing schedule

27 February 2006

Committee room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

10.15am	Tasmanian Government (by video link)
10.45am	Department of Health and Ageing
11.15am	Engineers Australia
11.45am	Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulating Authorities
12.15pm	Adjourn

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Further details on the inquiry can be obtained on the Committee’s website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4560 or emailing jscm@aph.gov.au.

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