



Dementia inquiry moves to Melbourne

The second public hearing for the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing's inquiry into the early diagnosis and intervention of dementia will be held in Melbourne on 14 June 2012. The hearing will provide the Committee with the opportunity to hear from a range of stakeholders including those who assist persons with dementia to plan for their future once a diagnosis of dementia has been established.

Committee Chair, Steve Georganas MP said "This hearing will enable the Committee to speak with representatives of the Victorian Office of the Public Advocate, which has a substantial client base comprised of persons with dementia. The Office assists clients with the issue of advanced care planning, enabling them to make decisions with respect to their future accommodation, treatment, and estate. This responsibility is particularly important where persons with dementia have lost the capacity to make such decisions themselves".

PROGRAM

09:00am	Brotherhood of St Laurence
09:45am	Benetas
10:30am	<i>Break</i>
10:45am	Australian Psychological Society
11:30am	Alzheimer's Australia (Vic)
12:15pm	<i>Break</i>
1.00pm	Office of the Public Advocate Victoria
1:45pm	Dr Jennifer Torr
2:30pm	<i>Break</i>
2:45pm	Baptcare
3:30pm	<i>Close</i>

VENUE: Legislative Council Committee Room, Parliament of Victoria, Spring St MELBOURNE VIC

All are welcome to attend.

The hearing will be webcast live on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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