



Health and Ageing Committee to examine veterans' health care

Parliament House, Canberra — Monday 4 September 2006

The Department of Veterans' Affairs will appear before the House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee at a public hearing in Canberra on Monday 4 September.

The Committee Chairman, Alex Somlyay, said "The Committee welcomes Veterans' Affairs contribution to the inquiry and looks forward to examining their health care procurement models that operate with both public and private health care providers".

The Committee's terms of reference require that it "inquire into and report on how the Commonwealth government can take a leading role in improving the efficient and effective delivery of highest-quality health care to all Australians".

The Committee will also hear again from the Australian Health Insurance Association – to provide an update from earlier hearings on broader health cover reform.

Also appearing is the Australian Physiotherapy Association – which has more than 11,000 members – and which is the voice of the physiotherapy profession in Australia and leads the profession internationally.

Mr Somlyay said "the public hearing will give the private health insurance industry an opportunity to discuss with the Committee the key issues affecting consumers in the private sector".

The hearing is open to all members of the public.

Venue: Parliament House – House of Representatives Committee Room 1R3

The program for **Monday 4 September 2006** is as follows:

- 9.30am **Australian Government – Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)**
- 10.30am **Australian Health Insurance Association (AHIA)**
- 11.15am **Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA)**

For media interview with the Chairman:

Please contact Mr Somlyay's office on (07) 5471 6611.

For a copy of the terms of reference and further information on making a submission:

Contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4145, 0421 051 837 (mobile), or email

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<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/haa/healthfunding/index.htm>