



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AGEING
NEW INQUIRY: Registration Processes and Support Available to
Overseas Trained Doctors

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Steve Georganas MP
Deputy Chair: Steve Irons MP

Melbourne Public Hearing Announced for Overseas Trained Doctors Inquiry

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing will hold a public hearing on Friday 18 March 2011 to discuss the registration processes and support available for Overseas Trained Doctors (OTDs) seeking full Australian registration.

The Committee will speak with representatives of the health workforce as well as with the specialist medical colleges and the Australian Medical Council.

Committee Chair **Mr Steve Georganas, MP** said: "The Canberra and Brisbane public hearings have provided the Committee with an understanding of the challenges that an overseas trained doctor faces when they arrive in Australia. We have also heard much from industry professionals about the invaluable contribution overseas trained doctors make to the Australian medical workforce, particularly in rural and remote areas".

The program is outlined below:

9.30 am	Australian Medical Council
10.15 am	Dr Michael Galak
10.45 am	Morning Tea
11.00 am	Health Workforce Forum Alecto Australia Rural Workforce Agency Victoria
12.00 pm	Lunch
12.30 pm	Specialist Colleges Forum The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists Royal Australian College of General Practitioners The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
2.45 pm	Close

The hearing will be held in **The Swanston Hotel (Grand Mercure), 195 Swanston St, MELBOURNE on Friday 18 March 2011**. The hearing will be webcast live on:

<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

All are welcome to attend.

For media comment, please contact the Chair of the Committee, Mr Steve Georganas by phone on 08 8376 9000.

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