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**Sent:** Monday, 7 February 2011 1:10 PM  
**To:** Committee, HAA (REPS)  
**Subject:** Parliamentary Inquiry into the registration process for doctors

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Parliamentary Inquiry into the registration process for doctors

I know that you have been asked about the procedure of qualification for overseas trained doctors, I would like to convey my story as a dentist to you in the hope that it may assist you in your endeavours to help overseas trained medical doctors, dentists and pharmacists.

For overseas trained dentists, since 2010, we have been required to pass 4 subtests of the OET exam at one sitting (we have no choice for this first step: only the OET, not the IELTS exam). Whenever we pass the OET exam, we can book a place for the next step (MCQ exam). The MCQ exams are held twice a year. After we get the MCQ results, we can book in for the clinical exam (occurs twice a year, and if we fail, we have to wait for at least 12 months to be able to sit for it again). As you know, the OET results expire after 2 years and for dentists, the MCQ expires after 3 years. Therefore most dentists sit for the OET on a minimum of two occasions.

This is my story. I do not know if it is useful to you. I really appreciate what you are doing for overseas doctors (medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists). If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to email me.  
Thank you very much.

Best regards,

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