



Roundtable forum on impotence medications in Canberra

The House of Representatives Health Committee will convene a panel of experts, academics and practitioners to discuss issues surrounding impotence medications at its roundtable forum being held in **Canberra** on **Friday, 21 August 2009** in **Committee Room 1R1**.

According to Andrology Australia, erectile dysfunction (otherwise known as impotence) can affect one in five men over the age of 40 and can, in some cases, be a warning sign of serious health problems like diabetes and heart disease.

Committee chair Steve Georganas (Member for Hindmarsh, SA) stated that "Given the number of men affected by erectile dysfunction, the Committee has become increasingly concerned about emerging trends in the provision and purchasing of impotence medication in Australia." He added, "the Committee is particularly concerned about serious health problems like diabetes, and the potential for men's long-term health outcomes to be adversely impacted as a result of ineffective impotence treatment."

The roundtable forum will be open to the public and the program for the day is as follows:

- 9:00 am Welcome and introductions
- 9:30 am Briefing from the Therapeutic Goods Administration
- 10:30 am **TOPIC 1: Diagnosis and Medication**
- 3 minute participant statements
 - Questions from Committee Members
 - General discussion
- 12:45 am **TOPIC 2: Regulation of the provision and sale of impotence medication**
- 3 minute participant statements
 - Questions from Committee Members
 - General discussion

The hearing will be webcast (audio only) <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair, Steve Georganas, on (08) 8376 9000 (Electorate office).

For all other information: please contact the Inquiry Secretary by phone on (02) 6277 4145 or visit the Committee's inquiry website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/haa/impotence/hearings.htm>