



Overseas Trained Doctors Inquiry heads to Launceston

The House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee will hold a public hearing on 14 November 2011 in Launceston to discuss the registration processes and support available for overseas trained doctors (OTDs) seeking full Australian registration and accreditation. Ways to remove impediments and promote pathways for OTDs to achieve full Australian qualification, particularly in regional areas, without lowering the necessary standards required by colleges and regulatory bodies will be explored.

Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas MP said: "As with many areas of regional Australia, Launceston also relies on overseas trained doctors to serve the local community. Launceston General Hospital is one of only four sites across the nation that provides foreign trained doctors the option to be assessed through workplace-based assessment rather than the traditional clinical examination format".

PROGRAM

10:00am	Dr Jan Radford
10:30am	Dr Beth Mulligan, Ms Debbie West, Ms Erin Bowen
11:30am	Dr Alasdair MacDonald
12:15am	<i>Break</i>
1:00pm	Health Recruitment Plus, Rural Health Workforce
1:45pm	Dr Kim Rooney
12:45pm	<i>Close</i>

**The hearing will be held at Level 2, Aurora Function Centre
Aurora Stadium, Launceston, Tasmania**

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

Observers welcome to attend

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