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Mr Steve Georganas MP
Chair
House of Representatives
Standing Committee on Health and Ageing
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Georganas,

Inquiry into Registration Processes and Support for Overseas Trained Doctors

I write to clarify advice provided in The Royal Australasian College of Physicians' submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing *Inquiry into Registration Processes and Support for Overseas Trained Doctors*.

In the section Reconsideration, Review and Appeal (on page 23) the submission states:

"Overseas trained doctors have a right to be present at each step of the appeals process and to engage their own legal representation."

As you would appreciate, the submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry did not include the full official College policy.

We wish to clarify that the College Reconsideration, Review and Appeals Process states that applicants, including overseas trained doctors, are only entitled to appear before the Appeals Committee, not on reconsideration and review, and that they are only entitled to legal representation before the Committee with its consent. A copy of the Process is available at <http://www.racp.edu.au/page/education-policies>,

Should you have any queries, please contact Luke Clarke, Manager Policy & Advocacy,

Yours sincerely,


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