



## Health and Ageing Committee targets research into dementia

Research into the diagnosis and intervention of dementia will be the focus of a public hearing of a parliamentary inquiry to be held at Parliament House tomorrow.

The House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee will hear from representatives of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Australia's peak body for supporting health and medical research, as part of its inquiry into dementia: early diagnosis and intervention.

The NHMRC has identified dementia and Alzheimer's Disease as a strategic priority and in 2011 committed more than \$23 million for research in these areas. The NHMRC funds three Dementia Collaborative Research Centres (DCRC) to undertake dementia research and to translate the outcomes of that research into practice.

Committee Chair, Jill Hall MP, said the committee is looking forward to hearing about future plans for Australia's research into dementia.

"Given Australia's population is ageing, and the rate of dementia predicted to double, the Committee is interested in how dementia will rate as a priority for NHMRC and what funding initiatives are planned for dementia research in the future," she said.

### PROGRAM

Time	Witness
12:00pm	National Health and Medical Research Council
12:45pm	Close

**Venue:** Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra ACT

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

The hearing will be webcast live on:

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

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