



Inquiry into Health Funding - Sydney Public Hearing

NSW Parliament, Macquarie St. Sydney – 26 May 2006

Several NSW health organisations and health economists will appear at a public hearing by the House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee as a key part of the Committee's wide ranging inquiry into health funding in Sydney on 26 May 2006.

The Committee Chairman, Alex Somlyay, said that the public hearing will take evidence from witnesses on a wide range of issues relating to the operation of the health system in New South Wales.

The Committee will be paying particular attention to how governments are addressing shortages in the health workforce, difficulties in public hospitals, moving health funding by governments and the health funds towards performance-based systems, and continuing challenges in the private and public sectors.

Mr Somlyay said this public hearing will "provide an opportunity to speak with groups from New South Wales about the challenges facing the health system and give them an opportunity to put forward their view on how this system could be improved".

The hearing is open to all members of the public.

Venue: NSW Parliament, Room 814-815, Macquarie Street, Sydney

The program for **Friday 26 May 2006** is as follows:

- 9.00am Hospital Reform Group
- 10.15am Health Group Strategies Pty Ltd
- 11.00am Australian Healthcare Association
- 11.50pm Dr Richard Scotton AO
- 1.00pm Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association
- 1.45pm Australian Healthcare Reform Alliance
- 2.30pm *Close*

For media interview with the Chairman:

Please contact Mr Somlyay's office on (02) 6277 4727 or 0417 612 061 (mobile).

For a copy of the terms of reference and further information on making a

submission: Contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4145, 0421 051 837 (mobile), or email haa.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/haa/healthfunding/index.htm>