



Health reforms focus of Sydney hearing

NSW Parliament, Macquarie St. Sydney – 21 July 2006

NSW health and local government organisations, along with experts in health economics and reform, will appear at a public hearing in Sydney on 21 July 2006. The hearing is a key part of a wide-ranging inquiry into health funding being conducted by the House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee.

Committee Chairman Alex Somlyay said the public hearing would focus on the operation of the health system in New South Wales. The Committee will pay particular attention to health reform proposals and how governments are dealing with shortages in the health workforce and difficulties in public hospitals.

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 21 July 2006** is:

- 9.00am Local Government Association of NSW & Shires Association of NSW
- 9.45am Australian Lung Foundation
- 10.45am Mr John Menadue AO
- 11.30am Australian Healthcare Reform Alliance
- 12.15pm Dr Richard Scotton AO
- 1.00pm *Close*

For media interview with the Chairman:

Please contact Mr Somlyay’s office on (07) 5471 6611 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>