



House Health Committee to release report on impotence medications

The House of Representatives Health Committee is scheduled to table its report into impotence medications in parliament at about 9:00pm tonight.

On Friday, 21 August 2009, the committee convened a roundtable in Canberra to discuss the provision and sale of impotence medications in Australia. The committee has become increasingly concerned about the potential for men's health to be adversely affected as a result of the treatment being provided by some providers of erectile dysfunction (ED) treatments in Australia. The roundtable forum examined issues relating to:

- the adequacy of current services to treat and manage ED;
- the use of telemedicine to prescribe treatment; and
- the relevance of current regulations.

The chair of the committee, Mr Steve Georganas MP (Member for Hindmarsh, SA) said "This report presents an opportunity to remind Australian men of the importance of visiting their GP. This is of particular importance because emerging evidence is demonstrating a link between ED and chronic lifestyle conditions like heart disease and diabetes."

The report will be available after tabling on the inquiry webpage which can be found at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/haa/impotence/report.htm>. Copies of the report can also be requested by telephoning (02) 6277 4145 on Tuesday.

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair, Steve Georganas, on (08) 8376 9000 (Electorate office).

For all other information: please contact the Inquiry Secretary by phone on (02) 6277 4145 or visit the Committee's inquiry website: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/haa/impotence/index.htm>