



Obesity in Australia under review

House Health Committee holds public hearings

The House of Representatives Health Committee will hear from some of the leading community health experts on obesity when it begins public hearings on Monday (12 May) for its inquiry into obesity in Australia.

Renowned authorities on the obesity epidemic faced by Australia such as the ANU's Dick Telford, Diabetes Australia's Dr Gary Deed, and St Vincent's Hospital's Professor Katherine Samaras will be among those appearing before the parliamentary committee chaired by Steve Georganas MP.

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

Monday 12 May 2008

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House CANBERRA, ACT

- 11:00 am Diabetes Australia**
Mr Matt O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer; Dr Gary Deed, President; and Dr Ian White, National Policy Manager
- 11:40 am LOOK (Lifestyle Of Our Kids) research project**
Professor Richard (Dick) Telford, Research Director, Commonwealth Institute and Faculty of Medicine, Australian National University; Dr Tony Lafferty, Investigator; Professor Graham Reynolds, Investigator; and Mr Malcolm Freake, Founder, Bluearth Institute
- 12:10 pm Australian Institute of Health and Welfare**
Dr Penny Allbon, Director; Mr Mark Cooper-Stanbury, Head of Population Health Unit; and Dr Paul Magnus, Medical Advisor
- 12:40 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 pm Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association**
Ms Cydde Miller, Policy and Projects Officer, AHHA; Associate Professor Katherine Samaras, Senior Specialist in Endocrinology, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney; and Miss Vanessa Brenninger, Senior Clinical Dietician, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney.
- 2:00 pm Close**

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas, on (02) 6277 4415 (Parliament House) or (08) 8376 9000 (electorate office).

For all other inquiries, please contact the Inquiry Secretary by phone on (02) 6277 4145, or visit the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/haa. The hearing will be broadcast live (audio only) on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>