



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AGEING  
NEW INQUIRY: Registration Processes and Support Available to  
Overseas Trained Doctors

**MEDIA ALERT**

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Chair: Steve Georganas MP  
Deputy Chair: Steve Irons MP

## First hearing for Overseas Trained Doctors Inquiry to be held in Canberra

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing will hold a public hearing on Friday 25 February 2011 to discuss the registration processes and support available for Overseas Trained Doctors (OTD's) seeking full Australian registration.

Committee Chair **Mr Steve Georganas, MP** said: "Overseas trained doctors form an integral part of Australia's medical workforce. This inquiry will assist those overseas trained doctors, both currently in Australia and overseas, to better navigate the path to full Australian qualifications, which to date has been a long and difficult process."

The program is outlined below:

- 9.00 am **Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing**, is an Australian Government department that seeks to promote, develop, and fund health and aged care services for the Australian public.
- 9.45 am **Medical Board of Australia**, is an independent organisation responsible for registration of medical practitioners and medical students and assessment of International Medical Graduates who wish to practise in Australia.
- 10.30 am **Morning Tea**
- 10.45 am **Australian Medical Association**, is an independent organisation that represents the registered medical practitioners (doctors) and medical students of Australia
- 11.30 am **Australian Doctors Trained Overseas Association**, is an independent organisation representing overseas trained doctors who are permanent residents & citizens
- 12.15 pm **Royal Australasian College of Physicians**, is an independent organisation responsible for training, educating and representing physicians and paediatricians in Australia and New Zealand.
- 1.00 pm **Close**

The hearing will be held in **Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra on Friday 25 February**. The hearing will be webcast live on:  
<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

All are welcome to attend.

**For media comment**, please contact the Chair of the Committee, Mr Steve Georganas by phone on (08) 8376 9000 or (02) 6277 4415.

**For all other inquiries**, please contact the Committee Secretariat by phone on (02) 6277 4145 or visit the Committee's website: [www.aph.gov.au/haa](http://www.aph.gov.au/haa).