



Public hearing – Monday 28 April 2003 - Adelaide

Ageing Inquiry hearing to explore key social research issues

The House of Representatives has established a Committee to investigate issues surrounding the ageing of the Australian population over the next 40 years.

The next public hearing of the inquiry will be held in Adelaide on Monday 28 April 2003 at Room 2, Adelaide Commonwealth Centre, 55 Currie Street Adelaide

House Committee on Ageing Chair, Dr Andrew Southcott, said: "The committee will be discussing a range of important practical social research issues at this hearing.

"We will speak with the Centre for Research into Nursing and Health Care about the issues which impact on nurses working in Aged Care and Professor Gary Andrews from the Centre for ageing studies on the need for well funded, focussed research into Ageing issues in Australia.

"And the needs of ageing rural people, including ways of preventing the social isolation of that group, will form a focus of the discussion with the Country Women's Association"

The committee will also meet with CSIRO Health Sciences and Nutrition regarding research projects vital in devising strategies to address long term ageing.

The Committee has heard a great deal about the need to promote adaptable housing and Disability information Australia will be discussing ways to encourage the development of adaptable housing, and equity in access to adaptable housing with the Committee.

"There are many basic research gaps in our knowledge on ageing," Dr Southcott said. "It is critical that some of our researchers and research dollars are encouraged into these areas. "

To date the Committee has received more than 140 submissions to its inquiry. They, and other background materials, are available on the inquiry website at:
www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ageing/strategies/index.htm

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For information and/ or copies of submissions, contact committee secretariat (02) 6277 4145 or visit the inquiry website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ageing>

Hearing program – Room 2 Adelaide Commonwealth Centre, 55 Currie Street Adelaide

9:00am–10:00am	Centre for Research into Nursing and Health Care
10:00am- 11:00am	Professor Gary Andrew, Flinders University
11:30am–12:30pm	CSIRO Health Sciences and Nutrition
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Country Women's Association
3.00pm- 4:00pm	Jeff Heath, Disability Information Australia