

APPENDIX 2

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the Bill on 18 August 2005 in Senate Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra.

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Humphries (Chairman)

Senator Moore (Deputy Chair)

Senator Adams

Senator Allison

Senator Fielding

Witnesses

Australian Medical Association

Dr Mukesh Haikerwal, President

Dr Choong-Siew Yong, Vice-President

Mr John O'Dea, Director Medical Practice Department

National Rural Health Alliance

Mr Gordon Gregory, Executive Director

Department of Health and Ageing

Mr Philip Davies, Deputy Secretary

Ms Samantha Robertson, A/g Assistant Secretary, Medicare Benefits Branch