APPENDIX 2

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the Bill on 13 October 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

Senator McLucas

Senator Polley

Witnesses

Australian Medical Association

Mr John O'Dea, Director, Medical Practice Department

Women's Health Victoria

Ms Marilyn Beaumont, Executive Director

Ms Kerrilie Rice, Policy & Research Officer

National Association of Practising Psychiatrists

Dr Gil Anaf, past President

Department of Health and Ageing

Ms Rosemary Huxtable, First Assistant Secretary, Medical and Pharmaceutical Services Division

Ms Joan Corbett, Assistant Secretary, Pharmaceutical Benefits Branch