

**SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM**

MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2009

**Senate Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House, Canberra**

INQUIRY INTO HEARING HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA

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| 9.00 am - | 10.00 am | Department of Health and Ageing
Ms Mary McDonald, A/g First Assistant Secretary,
Regulatory Policy & Governance Division
Ms Teresa Ward, National Manager Office of Hearing
Services
Ms Joy Savage a/g First Assistant Secretary Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Health
Ms Tarja Saastamoinen, Assistant Secretary Family Health &
Wellbeing Branch
Dr Geetha Isaac-Toua, Medical Advisor, Public Health
Advisory Unit, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
Dr Bernie Towler, Principal Medical Advisor, Office of Health
Protection |
| 10.00 am - | 11.00 am | Deafness Forum of Australia
Ms Nicole Lawder, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sharan Westcott, Deputy Chair |
| 11.00 am - | 11.15 am | Break |
| 11.15 am - | 12.00 noon | ACT Deafness Resource Centre
Mr John Sykes, President, Management Committee |
| 12.00 noon - | 12.45 pm | Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health
(SARRAH)
Mr Rod Wellington, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Nina Quinn, Chief Executive Officer,
Neurosensory Unit (Queensland) |
| 12.45 pm - | 1.30 pm | Lunch |
| 1.30 pm - | 2.15 pm | Canberra Deaf Children's Association
Ms Wendy McMullen, Vice President
Mr Rod Pymont |
| 2.15 pm - | 3.00 pm | Shepherd Centre
Ms Anthea Green, Chief Executive Officer |