



SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

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SENATE INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARING IN CANBERRA

The Senate Select Committee on Mental Health will hold a **public hearing** in Canberra on **Friday 28 October 2005**.

The Committee will hear from many individuals and organisations experienced in mental health care and policy. They will include representatives of the:

- Commonwealth Ombudsman;
- Private Health Insurance Industry Ombudsman
- Probation and Community Corrections Officers' Association; and
- Mental Health Council of Australia.

The hearing will be held at Parliament House in Committee room 2 S 3, and will be open to the public from 8:45am. The program for the hearing is attached.

Senator Lyn Allison
Committee Chair

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PUBLIC HEARING CANBERRA

Friday 28 October 2005
8:45am –4:30pm

Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House
Canberra

PROGRAM

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| 8:45 – 9:30 | Commonwealth Ombudsman (No submission) Professor John McMillan, Ombudsman |
| 9:30 – 10:15 | Private Health Insurance Industry Ombudsman (No submission) Mr John Powlay, Ombudsman |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Medicines Australia (Submission 389) Dr Brendan Shaw, Senior Manager, Policy and Research Mr David Grainger, Chair, Health Policy Development Strategic Committee (also a director at Ely Lilly Pharmaceuticals) |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Morning Tea |
| 11.15 – 12:00 | Australian College of Psychological Medicine (Submission 411) Dr Carole Castles, President |
| 12:00 – 12:45 | Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (Submission 311) Dr Leanne Rowe, Member, RACGP Council |
| 12:45 – 1:45 | Lunch |
| 1:45 – 2:30 | Probation and Community Corrections Officers' Association Incorporated (PACCOA) (Submission 503) Ms Dale Kift, Member, State Executive Mr Brian Norman, Member, State Executive, immediate past President |
| 2:30 – 3.15 | Mr Douglas McIver and Mrs Janice McIver (Submission 317) |
| 3:15 – 3:30 | Afternoon tea |
| 3:30 – 4:30 | Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) (Submission 262) Mr John Mendoza, Chief Executive Officer The Hon Mr Keith Wilson, MHCA Chair Professor Ian Hickie, Director of the Brain and Mind Research Institute (BMRI) and Clinical Advisor to the MHCA Ms Ingrid Ozols, Consumer and MHCA Board Executive Member Mr Sebastian Rosenberg, Deputy Chief Executive Officer |