



Australasian Menopause Society applauds Senate Inquiry Report

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The Australasian Menopause Society (AMS) has welcomed the findings of the Senate Inquiry into Menopause and Perimenopause released last night.

Specifically, the AMS is delighted to see recommendations relating to increasing education of health care professionals, from student levels right up to specialists, as well as the suggestion of increased funding for the delivery of continued professional development to all medical practitioners.

AMS President Dr Sylvia Rosevear says, 'This report highlights the importance of the work AMS carries out and how vital it is to our Doctors, Nurses and Allied Health Professionals.

We are determined to incorporate evidence-based research in training these professionals. The recommendation to continually improve our highly lauded fact sheets is valued and we're keen to action this.'

The AMS endorses the recommendation that options be further explored to guarantee that menopausal hormone therapy is made both affordable and accessible to all women who need it, no matter their background or socio-economic status.

AMS are keen to work alongside the Australian Government on the following recommendations:

- The suggested awareness campaign on menopause and perimenopause
- A study on the economic impacts of menopause, including the impact on women's workforce participation, and alongside this the development of workplace policies in consultation with employees; and
- The proposal that menopause and perimenopause be included in both medical university curriculum and graduate outcomes for health professionals. This directly impacts and compliments the work that AMS conducts.

Dr Rosevear continues, 'We look forward to working alongside many of the groups mentioned in the report, including the National Women's Health Advisory council and the Department of Health and Aged Care, to allow access to robust information, and increased accessibility to medicines where appropriate.'

'While the recommendations are welcomed, we encourage the government to work together with relevant stakeholders in the sector to see the report's proposals through to fruition. We are prepared to deliver and expand our educational events and materials to health care professionals across the country.' Dr Rosevear concludes.

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