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Health Market Inquiry Panel publishes schedule for first set of public hearings

Yesterday, 4 February 2016, the panel of the Health Market Inquiry into the Private Healthcare Sector (HMI), published the schedule for Set 1 of the public hearings. The first leg of the hearings commences on 16 February at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) International Convention centre.

Some of the stakeholders expected to make oral submissions at the CSIR are:

- Section 27
- South Africa Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG)
- Treatment Action Campaign
- World Health Organisation (WHO)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and
- Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)

The second leg of hearings will be held at the HMI offices from 23 – 25 February 2016. A further two sets of sessions will be conducted in Cape Town from 2 – 10 March 2016. The national Department of Health and the country's three largest hospital groups (Netcare, Mediclinic and Life healthcare) are expected to make oral submissions.

The purpose of the public hearings to gain an understanding of how the various consumer groups, labour unions, NGOs and healthcare services providers interact with one another and their experience in interacting with one another.

All non-confidential transcripts of the HMI public hearings will be available to the public. A detailed schedule of public hearings will be available on the websites: www.compcom.co.za/ and www.Healthinquiry.net

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