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The Director
Standing Committee on Social Issues
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Inquiry into Dental Services in NSW

I wish to make a submission to this Inquiry addressing item (e) .Issues relating to the training of dental specialists .

As the Co-ordinator of the MDS program in Periodontics in the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney, I am responsible for the training of Specialist Periodontists in New South Wales.

Periodontics is that part of Dentistry dealing with the prevention and treatment of Periodontal (Gum) Diseases and associated conditions. With the prolonged retention of natural teeth , an aging population and the increasing importance of oral health to general health, the call for Periodontal treatment is increasing . There is an acute shortage of Specialist Periodontists in the public health system with only one NSW Dental Board registered Periodontist currently holding a full-time Staff Specialist position in a Public Hospital (Dr B Taylor at Sydney Dental Hospital). The capability to train Specialist Periodontists is determined by the adequate provision of teachers, clinical supervisors, clinical facilities, patients and funding. These require examination by your committee.

As I was only made aware of the Inquiry today and as I will be leaving tomorrow for a weeks Army Reserve service in Darwin followed by a weeks conference in Western Australia, I seek permission to provide my submission to you after the closing date of May 27 next.

Given the importance of Specialist training in Dentistry, I trust that you can allow an extension of the closing date for my submission.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. G. Daly'. The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops for the letters 'D' and 'Y'.

Associate Professor E G Daly