

Q&A: Research for *Our Duty of Care*

**National
Review of
Nursing
Education 2002**

How does the research fit with *Our Duty of Care*?

In April 2001 the Government responded to growing community concern about the nursing profession by establishing the National Review of Nursing Education. The review covered the preparation of enrolled, registered and specialist nurses.

Members of the review panel were informed through three key mechanisms:

- literature reviews and research projects commissioned by the review covering a wide range of issues relating to the terms of reference;
- a large number of submissions received from interested persons and organisations; and
- extensive targeted and public consultations across the country.

These resulted in the review report, *Our Duty of Care*, which was released by Government on 16 September 2002.

Why was the research conducted?

The research was commissioned by the review to help further understand some of the key issues in nursing and to provide an international context to what happens in Australia. It was also commissioned to highlight some of the emerging challenges for Australian nurse education and training.

How was the research produced?

Twenty one individual pieces of research were commissioned by the review and are available on the review website and in a series of five hard copy publications. Each volume contains research that focussed on a key nursing theme.

The five publications are:

- Literature Reviews
- Nursing Regulation and Practice
- Nurse Education and Training – Volume 1
- Nurse Education and Training – Volume 2
- The Nursing Workforce

When was the research released?

The individual research works have been available on the review website for some time. The release of the combined research in hard copy volumes has been staged over the past few months. The final volume of research, *The Nursing Workforce*, has now been released.

What's in each volume of research?

A fact sheet is available on each volume of research. Each fact sheet outlines the research contained in the publication and provides a summary of the main issues and key findings.

All of the research and the review report, *Our Duty of Care*, can be found on the review website at www.dest.gov.au/highered/programmes/nursing or hard copies can be obtained on telephone (02) 6240 7604 or (02) 6289 4601.