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***EVIDENCE OF POOR ORAL AND DENTAL HEALTH –
ACCESS AND WORKFORCE ISSUES:***

***Professor John Spencer, Director, Australian Research Centre for
Population Oral Health, AIHW, Adelaide***

JOHN WAKERMAN: We’re about to start the next session. One of the people we spoke to yesterday said we’ve got to put the mouths and brains back into health, oral health and mental health. We’re starting with the mouths this morning. It gives me great pleasure to first of all introduce Professor John Spencer, who is one of Australia’s leading researchers in oral epidemiology and dental health services research.

He is currently the Professor of Social and Preventive Dentistry at the University of Adelaide. He is also the Director of the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health, which is a research centre that incorporates the Colgate Oral Care supported Dental Practice Education Research Unit and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Dental Statistics and Research Unit. In this latter role he’s been a contributor of information both on national oral health and dental services policy in Australia. So I’d like to welcome Professor John Spencer.