



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

INQUIRY INTO COMBINING SCHOOL AND WORK:
SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL YOUTH TRANSITIONS

*Chair: Ms Sharon Bird MP
Deputy Chair: Dr Dennis Jensen MP*

**Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Department
to appear at combining school and work inquiry**

Public Hearing 14 May 2009

The House of Representatives Education and Training Committee will conduct a hearing on Thursday 14 May with representatives from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations for its inquiry into 'combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions'.

Committee Chair, Sharon Bird MP, said today 'It's clear that a large proportion of students are combining school and part-time or casual work. The Committee has recently conducted a series of hearings in secondary schools around the country where we spoke directly with young people about the challenges they are facing in achieving a healthy school-work balance.'

'The Committee looks forward to the opportunity to speak with representatives from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations about initiatives which promote a healthy balance of work and study, and which support young people in their career development and prospects for successful transition.'

Further details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, can be obtained from the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/edt>.

- Event:** Public hearing – Combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions
- Date/Time:** Thursday, 14 May 2009, 9.30am – 11.00am.
- Where:** Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra
- Webcast:** (Audio only) Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>
- Please note:** The Committee will be conducting a short private meeting prior to the commencement of the public hearing. The public will be admitted at the conclusion of the private meeting.

For media comment: please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Sharon Bird on (02) 6277 4717 (Parliament House).

Further information: contact the Inquiry Secretary on (02) 6277 4578, email edt.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/edt/>