



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

*Chair: Mr Andrew Laming MP  
Deputy Chair: The Hon Alannah MacTiernan MP*

## **Entrepreneurs, industry representatives and academics to contribute to inquiry into innovation and creativity**

Commercialising research, fostering entrepreneurship and educating graduates for the future of work will be hot topics when the House Standing Committee on Education and Employment convenes a series of round-table style public hearings. Over the next two weeks the Committee will conduct public hearings in Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane as part of its inquiry *Innovation and creativity; a workforce for the future*.

Committee Chair, Mr Andrew Laming MP, said representatives from government, industry, universities and local start-ups have been invited to participate in the hearings.

“Innovation is not just the domain of universities or start-ups. It requires close collaboration between businesses and universities to drive the development of new technologies and to ensure graduates’ skills are suited to the modern workplace.”

“The Australian Government also has an important role. Policy and legislation must keep pace with innovation by accommodating collaboration and encouraging entrepreneurship.”

“It’s important that the Committee hears a range of perspectives on these issues,” Mr Laming said.

“The inquiry findings will help shape a more innovative Australia able to remain competitive in the global economy and maintain high standards of living.”

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE** Tuesday 19 April  
**VENUE** Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra  
**PROGRAM:** 3:30 pm until 6:30 pm

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE** Tuesday 26 April  
**VENUE** Seek, 541 St Kilda Road, Melbourne  
**PROGRAM:** 9:00 am until 1:45 pm

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE** Wednesday 27 April  
**VENUE** OPTUS Head Office, 1 Lyonpark Road Macquarie Park, Sydney  
**PROGRAM:** 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE** Thursday 28 April  
**VENUE** TBC, Brisbane  
**PROGRAM:** 9:00 am until 12:30 pm

Members of the public are welcome to observe proceedings. For further information about the Committee or its inquiry, please visit the [committee's website](#) or contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 4573.

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**INFORMATION ON THE INQUIRY:** contact the Standing Committee on Education and Employment inquiry into innovation and creativity: workforce for the new economy on (02) 6277 4573, [ee.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:ee.reps@aph.gov.au) or visit the [committee website](#)

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