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### Select Committee on Intergenerational Welfare Dependence

Inquiry into intergenerational welfare dependence

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## Inquiry launched: intergenerational welfare dependence

Intergenerational welfare dependence in Australia is under the spotlight. The [House of Representatives Select Committee on Intergenerational Welfare Dependence](#) is examining matters relating to intergenerational welfare dependence of families and outcomes for children.

Committee Chair, [Mr Russell Broadbent MP](#), and Deputy Chair, [Mr Pat Conroy MP](#), were pleased to jointly announce the launch of this inquiry into intergenerational welfare dependence today. The broad terms of reference will assist the Committee to investigate: factors leading to intergenerational welfare dependence; the impact of intergenerational welfare dependence on children; and what can be done to assist parents and children together to break the cycle of disadvantage.

“Having employment has a profound effect on people’s wellbeing and the long-term prospects of their children. The Committee is particularly interested in understanding why some families require welfare assistance for short periods only and why others become ‘trapped’ in the system,” Mr Broadbent said.

“The Committee will consider a range of issues including any potential impact of the current design of Commonwealth assistance programs and local factors which might contribute to intergenerational welfare dependence. We are focussed on identifying evidence-based interventions that have proven effective in breaking cycles of disadvantage,” Mr Conroy said.

The Committee tabled an interim report today which will act as a scoping paper for the purposes of the inquiry. The Chair and Deputy Chair encourage all stakeholders and interested people to read the interim report and lodge submissions to the inquiry.

Submissions are now being sought until **Tuesday 18 September 2018**. If you require an extension please contact the secretariat. For more information including the terms of reference please visit the Committee’s [website](#).

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