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Joint Standing Committee on Migration

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Chair: Mrs Louise Markus MP
Deputy: Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP

Sydney public hearings for skilled worker program inquiry

Federal Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Migration is set to hold public hearings in Sydney as part of its inquiry into the Business Innovation and Investment Programme (BIIP).

NSW also nominated 175 migrants for the Significant Investor Visa programme, which will represent a minimum of \$262 million in new investment into the state if all are approved. The number of skilled migrants sponsored by NSW doubled in the past financial year.

The BIIP is designed to increase entrepreneurial talent and diversify business expertise in Australia.

Committee Chair Louise Markus said the Business Innovation and Investment Programme has the potential to generate a significant economic benefit to Australia.

"It is important that we encourage the creation of genuine and sustainable business opportunities benefiting both the Australian economy and workforce," she said.

Details of the public hearings are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 12 June 2014

Location: Corinthian Room, SMC Conference and Function Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Program

9.00 am Chambers of Commerce: roundtable
11.15 am Migration Alliance Inc
1.00 pm Mr John Findley
1.45 pm Mr Christopher Levingston
2.45 pm Financial Services and Funds Management Sector: roundtable

Date: Friday, 13 June 2014

Location: Corinthian Room, SMC Conference and Function Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Program

9.00 am Migration Institute of Australia
9.45 am Managing Global Migration Research Group
10.45 am Australian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association
11.30 am Immigration Solutions Lawyers

The hearings will be audio webcast live on: www.aph.gov.au/live

Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more details, visit the Committee's website:
<http://www.aph.gov.au/mig>

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