



Public hearing on making ABSTUDY work for Indigenous students

The Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs is inquiring into what educational options have met with the most success for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. As part of the inquiry, communities have raised a number of concerns regarding the administration, delivery and eligibility criteria of ABSTUDY.

The Committee will hear from representatives of the Department of Social Services, Human Services, and Prime Minister and Cabinet at a special public hearing scheduled for today.

The Committee will also hear from the STARS foundation which provides leadership programs for Indigenous girls in the Northern Territory.

Public Hearing:

4:30 - 6:30 pm Tuesday 19 April
Committee Room 1R5
Parliament House, Canberra.

4:30 pm STARS Foundation

**6:00 pm Department of Social Services, Department of Human Services, and
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Submission 43).**

Full programs for all hearings and further information on the inquiry can be found on the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/educationalopportunities.

The public hearing will be webcast live at
[http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament).

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair the Hon Dr Sharman Stone MP on (03) 5821 5371 (Electorate Office) or (02) 6277 4477 (Parliament House).

For background information, and advice on making submissions, please contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4559 or indigenouaffairs.reps@aph.gov.au