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STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Chair: Mr Ewen Jones MP

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Small business job creation – a big regional issue

Impediments to small business job creation and the difficulties that people in regional areas face when looking for work will be discussed tomorrow at a roundtable public hearing in Tumby Umbi, north of Gosford in NSW.

The hearing continues the Standing Committee on Education and Employment's inquiry into small business employment and is expected to bring into focus the unique challenges that regional small businesses and job seekers face.

Participants will include a local business and business chamber, training organisations and a centre that supports young unemployed parents to further their education and gain employment.

Committee Chair, Mr Ewen Jones MP, who represents a regional electorate, understands that regional areas need distinctive solutions.

"In regional areas small businesses are the biggest, and sometimes the only, employers for local residents," he said.

"For both small business and job seekers, opportunities can be limited and problems can be compounded by geographical restrictions. The Committee hopes that this roundtable will bring these issues to the forefront and identify solutions in helping small businesses to prosper, and to assist those in need to obtain meaningful employment."

Details of the hearing are as follows:

Date: Friday 21 August 2015

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Venue: Tasman Room, Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Road, Tumby Umbi, NSW

Submissions to this inquiry have now closed. For further information about this inquiry please visit the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/SmallBusinessEmployment or contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 4573.

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