

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT***Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Better Work/Life Balance) Bill 2012**Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP
Deputy Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP***INQUIRY INTO THE FAIR WORK AMENDMENT (BETTER WORK/LIFE BALANCE) BILL 2012****COMMITTEE TO HEAR FROM CARERS, UNION AND
INDUSTRY**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will take evidence in Canberra tomorrow for its inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Better Work/Life Balance) Bill 2012.

The Committee's Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth, said, "the intent of this Bill supports the Government's National Carer Recognition Framework, which includes the National Carer Strategy, launched on 3 August 2011. This inquiry focuses on technical considerations of the Bill itself and the Committee will hear concerns from carers, employee and industry representatives about various aspects of the Bill."

Details of the public hearing are:

Date:	Friday, 23 March 2012	
Time:	8:30 am	Australian Industry Group (Ai Group)
	9:15 am	Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)
	9:45 am	Carers Australia
	10:15 am	Break
	10:25 am	Academics roundtable:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work + Family Policy Roundtable (W+FPR)• Ms Anna Chapman• Women & Work Research Group
	11:10 am	Advocacy organisations:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Working Women's Centres• Job Watch
	11:40 am	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
	12:10 pm	Close

Venue: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

Live webcast: http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament (audio only)

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP on 0416 086 019.

For information on the inquiry: contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4578 email ee.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/worklifebill