



Low paid women disadvantaged by \$450 superannuation guarantee threshold

The House of Representatives Employment and Workplace Relations Committee will meet with representatives of Treasury as part of the Committee's inquiry into pay equity and associated issues related to increasing participation in the workforce.

"Evidence to the inquiry has repeatedly highlighted that women are retiring with very low levels of superannuation, if any at all. Some evidence has suggested that some 30% of women aged 45-59 have no superannuation at all." said Committee Chair, Sharryn Jackson MP.

"Given the relatively high number of women in part-time and casual work who may be earning less than \$450 a month, the current \$450 superannuation guarantee threshold may have a significant impact on Australian women. The Committee looks forward to discussing the impact of the threshold with Treasury officials at Thursday's hearing".

Event: Public hearing – Pay equity and associated issues related to increasing women's participation in the workforce.

Date/Time: Thursday, 10 September 2009, 11.15 am

Where: Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

Webcast: (Audio only) Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Further details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, background documents, membership of the Committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ewr>, by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4162 or emailing ewr.reps@aph.gov.au

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