



Bronwyn Bishop MP

Chairman

**House of Representatives Standing Committee on
Family & Human Services**

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The work-family balancing act – ‘Nannies Day’ Roundtable Sydney, Thursday 22 September 2005

The Chairman of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services, Bronwyn Bishop today announced that a Roundtable hearing for the inquiry into “Balancing Work and Family” will take place in Sydney this week.

“The Committee will be holding a Roundtable forum, where we will be looking at the work and family balance and specifically regulation of the nanny industry and issues faced by families employing nannies to care for their children”, Mrs Bishop said.

“We have received a large number of submissions for this inquiry, which goes to show how important this issue is to the community. Both families and nanny industry professionals alike have made submissions voicing concern over the lack of regulation in the nanny industry and the risks faced by families who unknowingly employ unqualified nannies.”

The Committee will be hearing from a range of nanny industry groups, nanny service providers, individual nannies and parents from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and regional NSW.

Committee chairman, Bronwyn Bishop, said the choices Australians face in obtaining child care, particularly issues associated with taxation and employment conditions in the nanny industry will be discussed at the Roundtable hearing.

Mrs Bishop said that governments need to understand the difficulties families face in balancing work and family. The committee is examining the financial, career and social disincentives to starting families, the impact of taxation on the choices families make and options for easing the transition for parents re-entering the paid workforce.

Venue: Commonwealth Offices, Level 8, Charterbridge House, 70 Phillip St, Sydney

Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm

Participants: Nanny Sharing Connections
The Australian Consortium of Nannies
Elite Nanny Service
Charlton Brown Group
Australian Professional Nannies
My Little Friend
Care for Kidz

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