



Australia's international research collaboration Public hearing in Canberra

The House of Representatives Industry, Science and Innovation Committee will conduct its eighth public hearing for its inquiry into Australia's international research collaboration on Wednesday.

Professor Andrew Smith and representatives of the **Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research** will discuss the nature of existing collaboration, the benefits of international scientific collaboration, impediments to successful collaboration, and strategies for supporting international research engagement.

The inquiry is examining areas of research that can deliver many benefits to Australia and its international research partners.

"International research collaboration delivers tangible benefits to many stakeholders, both in Australia and overseas, reducing costs and sharing in expertise", Committee Chair Maria Vamvakinou said.

"This inquiry focuses on understanding how Australian scientists collaborate with colleagues overseas, and is looking at ways international research collaborations can be better supported".

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

Wednesday 26 May 2010 – 10.00am to 12.00pm
Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, Canberra

10.00am Professor Andrew Smith (submission 46)

10.45am Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (submission 48)

Dr Anne Byrne, General Manager, Research Funding and Policy Branch.
Ms Anne-Marie Lansdown, Head of Division, Science and Infrastructure.
Mrs Mary Finlay, General Manager, International Science and EIF Branch

The public hearing will be webcast (webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/), and broadcast internally (audio only) on HMS frequency 97.5. Further details, including the terms of reference, membership of the Committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee's website at: www.aph.gov.au/isi

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