



Employment Committee to discuss pay equity with Commonwealth Departments

The House of Representatives Employment and Workplace Relations Committee will meet with three federal agencies: the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; the Office for Women (from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs); and the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency, as part of the Committee's inquiry into pay equity and associated issues related to increasing participation in the workforce.

“Evidence gathered by the Committee in the last 12 months, has highlighted the need for significant changes to improve the situation of pay inequity and the gender pay gap” said Committee Chair, Sharryn Jackson MP.

“The Committee has invited DEEWR, FaHCSIA and EOWA to this roundtable hearing to discuss strategies on how the public service can lead by example in addressing pay equity and women's participation in the workforce”.

- Event:** Public hearing – Pay equity and associated issues related to increasing women's participation in the workforce.
- Date/Time:** Thursday, 20 August 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. This hearing will be webcast live (audio only) on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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