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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Inquiry into IT Pricing

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IT PRICE DISCRIMINATION INQUIRY IN SYDNEY ON MONDAY

Do Australians pay more for IT software and hardware than consumers in overseas markets? If so, why?

These key questions are being asked in an investigation into IT pricing in Australia, now being conducted by the House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications. The Committee will hold the inquiry's **first public hearing in Sydney on 30 July 2012**.

The Committee will hear from a range of industry and consumer groups at the hearing. The program includes representatives from the ICT industry, consumer groups, the publishing industry, the music industry and the retail industry. A complete program has been posted to the Committee website and can be accessed at [this link](#).

'The inquiry into IT price discrimination has generated a great deal of interest, judging by submissions and also by community responses on social media like twitter,' said Committee Chair, Mr Nick Champion MP. 'The Committee looks forward to Monday's hearing, where we will hear from a broad range of consumer and industry groups.'

The hearing will be held in the Macquarie Room at NSW Parliament House and will begin at 9.30am on Monday.

For further information on the Committee's inquiry, please visit the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/itpricing

For inquiry information: including the terms of reference and submissions, go to: www.aph.gov.au/itpricing, or contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 2352.

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