

# What's happening at your House?



## ACCC Chairman to appear before House Economics Committee

The Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Graeme Samuel, will be questioned by the House of Representatives Economics Committee at a public hearing on Friday 5 March 2004 from 9.30am-11.30am at the Victorian State Parliament House (Committee Room K) in Melbourne. The public hearing is part of the House Economics Committee's review of the ACCC's annual report. For more information visit [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa) or email [efpa.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:efpa.reps@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4587.

## Employment inquiry hearings

Public hearings on the inquiry into paving the way to paid work are being held in Canberra today and on 10 March, and in Newcastle on 12 March. For more information visit the House of Representatives Employment Committee's website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ewr](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ewr) or email [ewr.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:ewr.reps@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4162.

## Input sought on defence relations with the United States

The parliamentary committee examining Australia's defence relations with the United States is seeking input from defence experts and the public. For the inquiry's terms of reference and further information visit the website of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt) or email [jscfadt@aph.gov.au](mailto:jscfadt@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 2368. In the March 2004 issue of *About the House*, the House of Representatives magazine, United States Ambassador to Australia, J Thomas Schieffer, provides an American perspective on the US-Australian alliance. Order your free copy by emailing [liaison.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:liaison.reps@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 2122.

## Stage 2 of Norfolk Island governance review

Federal parliament's External Territories Committee has been asked by the federal Minister for Territories to look into the sustainability of the current governmental arrangements on Norfolk Island. What range of government activities can the current government machinery on Norfolk Island deliver at an appropriate level—more, less or the same as at present? Will Island revenues meet the costs of an ageing population and declining infrastructure? How have the Island's lawmaking processes and legal regime kept pace with changing requirements? What changes should be made, if any, in the way individual government services are delivered on the Island? This inquiry follows on from the report released by the committee in December 2003. For the terms of reference and more information, visit [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet) or email [jscncet@aph.gov.au](mailto:jscncet@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4355.

## Brisbane hearing on crime in the community

The House of Representatives Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee continues its inquiry into crime in the community with a public hearing on Tuesday 16 March from 8.30am-1.30pm at the Commonwealth Government Centre, Waterfront Place, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane. For more information visit [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/laca](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/laca) or email [laca.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:laca.reps@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 2358.

## Treaties Committee hearing

Federal parliament's Treaties Committee will hold a public hearing next Monday 8 March in Parliament House, Canberra, commencing at 10am. The hearing will examine treaties presented to parliament yesterday. Details are available at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/march2004](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/march2004) or email [jsct@aph.gov.au](mailto:jsct@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4002.

## Report released on Iraq weapons intelligence

The parliamentary inquiry into the intelligence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction has released its report, which is available at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcaad](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pjcaad) or email [pjcaad@aph.gov.au](mailto:pjcaad@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4348 for more information.

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