

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING**INQUIRY INTO COMBINING SCHOOL AND WORK:  
SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL YOUTH TRANSITIONS*Chair: Ms Sharon Bird MP  
Deputy Chair: Dr Dennis Jensen MP*

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## Education and Training Committee to table report for school and work inquiry

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Training will table its report for its inquiry into 'combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions', at approximately 8:50pm Monday 16 November 2009.

Committee Chair, Sharon Bird, said today 'For an increasing number of young people, the added dimension of a part-time job places further pressure on their already busy lives. Finding the right balance between school and work, and the provision of successful transitions from study to work was the focus for the Committee.'

'To ensure the Committee heard from as many young people as possible, it conducted school forums around Australia speaking to students, teachers, parents and employers. In response to the Committee's online student survey regarding combining school and work, the Committee received over 2,500 responses which reinforced how much of an issue this is for young people today.'

'The Committee believes that through the recommendations made in this report, young people will receive greater protection in the workplace and will be provided with greater opportunity to learn about their rights when in part-time employment. The Committee also looks forward to further discussion between the state, territory and the federal governments to ensure there are initiatives in place to protect and assist young people balancing school and work responsibilities'.

An electronic version of the report can be obtained from 8:45am on Tuesday 17 November from the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/edt>. A press conference will be held with regard to the report, details as follows:

- Event:** Press conference – Combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions
- Date/Time:** Tuesday, 17 November 2009, 9.00am – 9.30am.
- Where:** Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra
- Webcast:** Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

**For media comment:** please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Sharon Bird on (02) 6277 4717 (Parliament House).

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