



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
INQUIRY INTO SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND
TEACHER LIBRARIANS IN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS

*Chair: Ms Sharon Bird MP
Deputy Chair: Dr Dennis Jensen MP*

Teacher Librarianship: a profession evolving

The School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University (CSU) is the only dedicated Library and Information Studies (LIS) school located in an Australian university, accounting for over half of LIS graduates in Australia. Representatives from CSU will appear before the House of Representatives Education Committee at a public hearing tomorrow as part of the Committee's inquiry into school libraries and teacher librarians in Australian schools.

In its submission, CSU has recommended that every primary and secondary school in Australia have fully qualified teacher librarianship personnel, staffed on a pro rata basis based on school enrolment.

"As a major educator in the field of teacher librarianship, CSU is well-positioned to comment on the future of teacher librarians and where it believes the profession is heading, and how the role of the teacher librarian is changing in the digital information age," said Committee Chair, Sharon Bird MP (Member for Cunningham, NSW).

Details for the public hearing into school libraries and teacher librarians are as follows:

Date/Time: Thursday, 3 June 2010, 9:35am*
Where: Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, Canberra
Webcast: (Audio only) Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

* Media please note: A short private meeting will be held at 9.30am following which members of the public and media will be admitted for the public hearing.

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

Further information: contact the Inquiry Secretary on (02) 6277 4578, email edt.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/edt/>