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**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*

Peak School Library Association to meet with Education committee

The Australian School Library Association (ASLA) 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.

ASLA is the peak national professional association representing school libraries and teacher librarians in Australian schools. In its submission, ASLA highlighted the evolving nature of information and the rapid development of digital technologies as a key reason for supporting the ongoing professional development of teacher librarians.

Tomorrow's hearing will be the seventh for the inquiry, and further hearings are proposed for Darwin, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth in July.

The inquiry has received over 370 submissions to date.

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

Date/Time: Thursday, 24 June 2010, 9:35am*
Where: Committee Room 1R6, 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/>