



EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Employed women are more likely to be working without paid leave entitlements and are more likely to be working without superannuation coverage. These are just two of the findings of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) latest *Survey of Employment Arrangements, Retirement and Superannuation* released last Friday.

“As one of the terms of reference for this inquiry is *the adequacy of current data to reliably monitor employment changes that may impact on pay equity issues*, the Committee is keen to hear the view of the ABS and the challenges it faces with the collection and analysis of data related to the employment of women” Committee Chair, Ms Sharryn Jackson said.

“Witnesses have been telling the Committee that better data would greatly help understand the gender pay gap and also go some way to identifying ways to address the current pay equity issues in Australia”.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics will appear before the House Employment and Workplace Relations Committee in Committee Room 1R3 Parliament House Canberra on Thursday 13 November from 11 am to discuss this and other issues relevant to pay equity and women’s participation in the workforce.

Discussions should also cover: current structural arrangements in the negotiation of wages that may impact disproportionately on women, the adequacy of recent and current equal remuneration provisions in state and federal workplace relations legislation; and the need for further legislative reform to address pay equity in Australia.

The Committee will continue to welcome submissions to the inquiry.

Further details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, background documents, membership of the Committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee’s website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ewr>, by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4162 or emailing ewr.reps@aph.gov.au. This hearing will be webcast live (audio only) on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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