



Public hearings in Adelaide and Perth for Overseas Skills Recognition inquiry

The Joint Standing Committee on Migration will be holding public hearings in Adelaide and Perth next week as part of its inquiry into skills recognition, upgrading and licensing.

“The Committee is interested in hearing from organisations and individuals in Adelaide and Perth to see if the current skills recognition processes are functioning efficiently, or need to be improved.” Committee Chairman, Don Randall MP said.

The Committee is looking at skills recognition not only for migrants, but also for those who come to Australia outside the skilled migration system, such as temporary residents needing skills assessment and Australian citizens returning to Australia with overseas qualifications.

In addition, the Committee is comparing Australia's overseas skills recognition arrangements with those of other major immigration countries and whether greater consistency in the recognition of qualifications might be achieved among Australian states and territories.

Public hearing program

Adelaide

Monday, 14 November 2005

Venue: Old Chamber Conference Room, Level 1, Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide

- 9.30am Northern Territory Government (*sub 93*)
- 10.45am South Australian Government (*sub 94*)
- 11.45am Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia (*sub 32*)
- 1.30pm Business SA
- 2.15pm Australian Refugee Association

Perth

Tuesday, 15 November 2005

Venue: Conference Room, Level 39, Commonwealth Offices, Exchange Plaza, 2 The Esplanade, Perth

- 9.00am The Western Australian Skills Advisory Board (*sub 17*)
- 10.00am Department of Education and Training of Western Australia (*sub 20*)
- 11.15am South Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre and AMEP Counsellors
- 12.00pm Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (*sub 38*)
- 1.45pm In camera witness (*sub 10*)
- 2.00pm Dr Tilbury and Dr Colic-Peisker, Murdoch University (*exhibit 10*)
- 2.45pm Individuals

Further details on the inquiry can be obtained on the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4560 or emailing jscm@aph.gov.au.

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