

# About the House

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## Have your say on overseas adoption

The House of Representatives Family and Human Services Committee is giving anyone who has adopted children from overseas a chance to have their say. The committee invites you to share your adoption experiences during a community statements session to be held in Brisbane (Commonwealth Offices, 1 Eagle St, Level 36) from 1.30pm to 2.30pm on Thursday 21 July, and in Melbourne (Condell Room, Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Level 1) on 3 August from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. For more information including inquiry submissions visit [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fhs/adoption](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fhs/adoption) or email [fhs.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:fhs.reps@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4566.

## Brisbane and Melbourne hearings on balancing work and family

The balancing work and family inquiry by the House of Representatives Family and Human Services Committee will be holding public hearings in Brisbane on 22 July from 9:00am to 12:15pm (Commonwealth Offices, 1 Eagle Street, Level 36) and in Melbourne on 2 August from 9:30am to 4:30pm, and again on 3 August from 9:15am to 12:00pm (Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Level 1).

For more information visit [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fhs/workandfamily](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fhs/workandfamily) or email [fhs.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:fhs.reps@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4566.

## Super review targets people under 40

Have your say on how to improve the superannuation savings of people under 40. The House Economics Committee invites you to comment on its new public inquiry which is investigating:

- barriers and/or disincentives to contribute to superannuation;
- current incentives in place to encourage voluntary superannuation contributions; and
- improving awareness of the importance of saving early for retirement.

For full details visit [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa) or email [efpa.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:efpa.reps@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4587.

## \$350 million worth of public works under review

The following four proposed works have been referred to the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works for investigation and report:

- Office replacement for the Bureau of Meteorology on Willis Island, Coral Sea [estimated cost 8.62 million]. Submissions for this work are due by 29 July 2005.
- Refurbishment of Royal Australian Mint Building, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory [estimated cost \$41.2 million]. Submissions for this work are due by 5 August 2005.
- RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage 2, Queensland [estimated cost \$297.6 million]. Submissions for this work are due by 19 August 2005.
- CSIRO minerals laboratory extensions, Waterford, Perth, Western Australia [estimated cost \$12 million]. Submissions for this work are due by 26 August 2005.

Further information about these works and about making a submission can be obtained from [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc) or email [jcpw@aph.gov.au](mailto:jcpw@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4636.

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