



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

INQUIRY INTO COMBINING SCHOOLS AND WORK:
SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL YOUTH TRANSITIONS

*Chair: Ms Sharon Bird MP
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Roundtable to examine the impact of combined study and work on youth transitions

Roundtable Hearing 2 February 2009

The House of Representatives Education and Training Committee will conduct a roundtable with key stakeholders in secondary and vocational education as well as representatives from peak industry groups and unions on Monday 2 February to examine the impact of combined study and work on youth transitions and Year 12 attainment.

The Committee's inquiry into "combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions", was referred by the Minister for Education, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP, and Monday's roundtable—to be held in Parliament House, Canberra—is the first hearing for the inquiry.

Committee Chair, Ms Sharon Bird MP, said today "The roundtable presents a valuable opportunity to facilitate a discussion on some of the key issues the committee is examining as part of the inquiry."

"It will also provide an opportunity to hear about some innovative programs currently operating across Australia which are already responding to the issues identified in the inquiry's terms of reference."

Further details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, can be obtained from the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/edt>.

While the closing date for submissions has passed, the committee will continue to receive submissions and organisations and individuals wishing to lodge a submission should contact the committee secretariat.

Event: Roundtable hearing - Combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions

Date/Time: Monday, 2 February 2009, 9.00am – 1.00pm.

Where: Main Committee Room (1R0), Parliament House, Canberra

Webcast: Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

For media comment: please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Sharon Bird on (02) 4228 5899 (Electorate office) or (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/edt/>