



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

INQUIRY INTO COMBINING SCHOOL AND WORK:
SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL YOUTH TRANSITIONS

*Chair: Ms Sharon Bird MP
Deputy Chair: Dr Dennis Jensen MP*

**NSW Commissioner for Children and Young People to appear
at combining school and work inquiry**

Public Hearing 25 June 2009

The House of Representatives Education and Training Committee will conduct a hearing on Thursday 25 June with the NSW Commissioner for Children and Young People for its inquiry into 'combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions'.

The NSW Commission for Children and Young People is an independent organisation whose functions include promoting the safety, welfare and well-being of children and making recommendations to government and non-government agencies on legislation, policies, practices and services affecting children.

"The Commission has been undertaking research to find out more about young people's experience in the workplace," Committee Chair, Sharon Bird MP, said today.

"In its evidence the Commission has indicated that it is seeking to improve regulation of the working environment for young people. The Commission is also looking at improving the resources available to support young workers, their parents, teachers and employers."

"Thursday's hearing will give the Committee the opportunity to discuss some of the key messages from the Commission's latest research."

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>.

Event: Public hearing – Combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions

Date/Time: Thursday, 25 June 2009, 9.30am – 11.00am.

Who: The Commission for Children and Young People NSW (Submission 33)

Where: Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra

Webcast: (Audio only) Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Please note: The Committee will be conducting a short private meeting prior to the commencement of the public hearing. The public will be admitted at the conclusion of the private meeting.

For media comment: please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Sharon Bird 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/edt>.