



Hearing with parliamentary budget office from Canada

The Joint Select Committee inquiring into the proposed Parliamentary Budget Office will hold a hearing via video conference with the Canadian Parliamentary Budget Officer.

The establishment of the Canadian Parliamentary Budget Office is part of a growing OECD member country trend based on improving parliamentary budget scrutiny. The Canadian Parliamentary Budget Office is one of around 30 such offices which exist in various forms internationally.

The Canadian Parliamentary Budget Office is tasked with providing independent analysis to the Canadian Parliament about the state of the nation's finances, the government's estimates and trends in the national economy.

DETAILS OF HEARING:

Tuesday 8 February 2011, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

11.00 pm Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer, Canada

Audio of the hearing will be **webcast live** at:

<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Further information about the inquiry is available: by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4576, via email jscpbo@aph.gov.au or by visiting the committee's webpage at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscpbo/index.htm>.