

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT****INQUIRY INTO ROLE OF THE TECHNICAL AND FUTURE EDUCATION (TAFE) SYSTEM AND ITS
OPERATION**

Education and Employment Committee to launch inquiry into TAFE system

The Minister has asked the Education and Employment Committee to inquire into Australia's Technical and Further Education (TAFE) system and its operation.

TAFEs have played a critical role in the training and development of Australians for more than 100 years. For many Australians, TAFEs provide a critical pathway to training and skills which are increasingly needed to access employment. They also play a critical role in regions and in providing access for disadvantaged groups.

Terms of Reference

The Committee will inquire into and report on the role played by TAFEs in:

- the development of skills in the Australian economy;
- the development of opportunities for Australians to improve themselves and increase their life and employment prospects;
- the delivery of services and programs to support regions, communities and disadvantaged individuals to access training and skills and through them a pathway to employment;
- the operation of a competitive training market; and
- those jurisdictions in which State Governments have announced funding decisions which may impact on their operation and viability.

Submissions close Thursday 18 April 2013

For information on the inquiry: contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4573 email ee.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ee>