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MEDIA ALERT

Inquiry into aspects of Australian workers' compensation schemes

Public Hearing – Canberra
Wednesday 13 November 2002

The House Employment and Workplace Relations Committee is inquiring into Australian workers' compensation schemes, with special regard to fraud, safety records, claims profiles and rehabilitation programs.

The Committee is continuing its schedule of hearings in Canberra on 13 November 2002 before travelling to Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Melbourne.

This hearing will commence with the **National Meat Association of Australia** before hearing from Mr Hemming from **HEMSEM**.

Mrs De-Anne Kelly MP, said that 'a large number of NMAA members believe that fraudulent claims are a major problem'. The NMAA state that 'already there are plants and places that have closed doors in recent times, primarily because of compensation premiums and claims'.

HEMSEM believe that the level of workers compensation fraud is low in Tasmania. Mr Hemming made the point that while very few claimants set out to defraud the system, the incidence of fraudulent behaviour may reflect the way the system is structured.

Mrs Kelly said that these witnesses will add to the diverse range of views provided in the evidence received to date.

PUBLIC HEARING

WHEN: Wednesday 13 November 2002,
10.45am – 12.30pm

WHERE: Committee Room 1R1, Parliament House

The program, transcripts of evidence from hearings and submissions will be available at the Committee's website at: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ewr/index.htm

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