



Political funding inquiry: Public hearings in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters will hold public hearings in Canberra on Monday 8 August 2011, in Sydney on Tuesday 9 August and in Melbourne on 10 August, as part of its inquiry into the funding of political parties and election campaigns.

The Committee will hear from a variety of groups over the three days of hearings, covering issues including public funding, political donations, proposals to restrict donations from certain industry groups, disclosure arrangements, the treatment of third parties and associated entities, and relevant domestic and international political funding practices.

| CANBERRA Monday, 8 August 2011 Parliament House, Committee Room 2R1 | SYDNEY Tuesday, 9 August 2011 Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices 70 Phillip St, Level 8, Conference Room A | MELBOURNE Wednesday, 10 August 2011 Parliament House, Spring St, Room K |
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| 9.15am Australian Electoral Commission | 9.15am The Greens NSW and NSW Greens Political Donation Research Project | 9.30am Accountability Round Table |
| 10.15am Emeritus Professor Colin Hughes | 10.15am Action on Smoking and Health | 10.15am Dr Joo-Cheong Tham |
| 10.45am Public Health Association of Australia | 11.00am Professor George Williams | 11.00am Mr Andrew Norton |
| 11.15am National Heart Foundation of Australia and Australian Council on Smoking and Health Australia | 11.30am Mr Stephen Mills | 11.45am Finish |
| 11.45am Lunch break | 12.00pm Associate Professor Anne Twomey | |
| 12.45pm Australian Democrats | 12.45pm Finish | |
| 1.15pm The Australian Greens | | |
| 2.00pm Finish | | |

These hearings will be webcast live (audio only for Sydney and Melbourne) at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

For more information and to follow the progress of the inquiry visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/em>.

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