



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Education & Vocational Training
Inquiry into Teacher Education

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 24 May 2006

Chair: Luke Hartsuyker MP
Deputy: Rod Sawford MP

Victorian Government to offer views on teacher education

The Victorian Department of Education will appear before the House of Representatives Education & Vocational Training Committee in Canberra tomorrow as the Committee's program of extensive public consultation draws to a close.

"Early last year, the Victorian Parliamentary Committee on Education & Training released a report into pre-service teacher training. The Victorian Government has responded to this report and therefore their appearance before the Committee has been keenly anticipated," said Committee Chair Luke Hartsuyker.

"The Victorian report made some very important recommendations on, among other things: the teaching practicum, the role of information technology and the mentoring of pre-service teachers. As each of these is critical to our inquiry, we eagerly await the opportunity to hear from our Victorian colleagues."

The Victorian Department of Education's submission is one of over 160 submissions the Committee has received from across Australia. The Committee held public hearings in the ACT, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania during 2005. The Committee has also held a number of hearings in the ACT and New South Wales in early 2006.

HEARING PROGRAM

Thursday 25 May 2006: *Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra*

9.30 am – **Victorian Government**

FOR INTERVIEW: Please contact Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP through Richard Lehnert on (02) 6277 4447 or 0408 532 785.

For background information, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4573 or on mobile phone 0421 611 173 or visit inquiry website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/index.htm>.

Submissions are on the inquiry website.