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House of Representatives Standing Committee on
Family & Human Services

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The impact of tax in balancing work & family

The House Families Committee will hold a public hearing for its Inquiry into Balancing Work and Family in Sydney tomorrow.

The Committee will hear from Patricia Apps, Professor in Public Economics from the University of Sydney, who is a leading authority on tax and labour economics.

Professor Apps has argued that Australia now ranks as having one of the least friendly work environments to families among comparable OECD countries. She has proposed reforms to increase fertility, female labour supply and GDP, and to improve the overall efficiency and fairness of the Australian economy.

“People respond to tax incentives. Governments need to understand how families are affected by tax in balancing work and family”, Mrs Bishop said.

The Committee is examining the financial, career and social disincentives to starting families, the impact of taxation on the choices families make and options for easing the transition for parents re-entering the paid workforce.

The Committee will also hear from the Australian Council of Social Service. The hearing is open to all members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Venue: Legislative Council Hearing Room, Level 1, 139 Macquarie Street, Sydney
(between Bridge and Bent Streets)

Time: 9:30am – 12:45pm

Participants: Professor Patricia Apps (9:30am – 10:30am)
Dr Marian Baird (10:30am – 11:15am)
Private citizen (11:30am – 12:00pm)
Australian Council of Social Service (12:00pm – 12:45pm)

For media interview: Please contact Damien Jones on **0409 147 247** at the electorate office of the Committee Chairman, the Hon Mrs Bronwyn Bishop MP.

For further information on the public hearing: contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4566 or mobile 0421 053 822 or email fhs.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the website at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fhs