



Public hearing on the proposed Parliamentary Budget Office

The Joint Select Committee inquiring into the proposed Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) will hold a public hearing on 1 February in Canberra.

The PBO will have a dual role: to provide information and advice to all members of Parliament on matters related to consideration of the budget including financial analysis and policy costing; and to promote a greater public awareness of key budget and fiscal policy issues.

The committee is tasked with inquiring into and reporting on: the appropriate mandate, structure, resourcing and protocols for a Parliamentary Budget Office.

This includes examining its likely functions, lines of accountability, oversight mechanisms, reporting requirements, access to information, disclosure of its work, and, its relationship with existing institutions, processes and government agencies.

DETAILS OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Tuesday 1 February 2011, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

9.00 am	Department of Parliamentary Services
9.45 am	Office of the Parliamentary Librarian
10.40 am	Department of the Senate
11.20 am	Department of the House of Representatives
1.00 pm	The Treasury and the Department of Finance and Deregulation
2.00 pm	Auditor-General
2.30 pm	Mr Stephen Bartos

The hearing will be **webcast live** at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Further information about the inquiry is available: by contacting the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4576, via email jscpbo@aph.gov.au or by visiting the committee's webpage at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jscpbo/index.htm>.