



Employment minimum age Convention under examination

Federal Parliament’s Treaties Committee will be holding a public hearing on Monday, 13 May 2013, to examine an International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention concerning the minimum age for admission to employment.

The Convention aims to ensure the effective abolition of child labour and to set the minimum age for admission to employment.

“In Australia, the minimum age for admission to employment is generally determined by compulsory education legislation, and the State and Territory governments have advised that their jurisdictions already comply with this Convention” Committee Chair, The Hon Richard Marles MP, said. “The Government believes that formal ratification of this treaty would enhance Australia’s standing in the international community and the ability to address labour rights issues, particularly within our region. The Committee will be examining how this is to be achieved, and if there are other likely impacts of ratification for Australia.”

The Committee will also examine six other treaties as listed below.

Public Hearing: Monday 13 May 2013, Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House Canberra

- 9.15 am **International Labour Organization Convention No. 129: Convention concerning Labour Inspection in Agriculture (Geneva, 25 June 1969)**
and
International Labour Organization Convention No. 138: Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment (Geneva, 26 June 1973)
 - 9.15 am - Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 - 9.35 am - Australian Council of Trade Unions
 - 9.55 am - Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- 10.35 am **Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (Abu Dhabi, 31 July 2012)**
- 11.20 am **Agreement on the Establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute (Rio de Janeiro, 20 June 2012)**
- 12.00 pm **Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Solomon Islands relating to Air Services (Canberra, 21 August 2012);**
Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines relating to Air Services (Canberra, 24 October 2012)
and
Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium relating to Air Services (Canberra, 23 November 2012)

The hearing will be broadcast through: www.aph.gov.au/live

Copies of the treaties and submissions received can be found at: [http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/House of Representative s Committees?url=jsct/under_review.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jsct/under_review.htm).

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