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**Inquiry into VET in schools
PUBLIC HEARING**

Media Alert
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VETnetwork talks about vocational education and training in schools

The rapidly growing area of vocational education and training (VET) in schools is being investigated by the House of Representatives Education and Training Committee. The inquiry is examining the range, structure, resourcing and delivery of vocational education and training programs in schools, including teacher training, and the impact of vocational education on other programs.

In its first public hearing for the inquiry the Committee will speak to representatives of VETnetwork Australia about the issues concerning schools and teachers as VET providers and coordinators. VETnetwork Australia is the national peak body supporting vocational education and training in schools. Eighty percent of its national membership comprises VET teachers and coordinators in schools.

**Public Event: House of Representatives Education Committee
VET in Schools Inquiry
VETnetwork**

Where: Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House

When: Thursday 13 February, 9 am – 9.45 am

The inquiry is examining the place of vocational education in schools, its growth and development, and its effectiveness in preparing students for post-school options. It is also examining the differences between school-based and other vocational education programs and the acceptance within industry of resulting qualifications.

"Vocational education and training in schools is growing rapidly. We need to be sure we are maximising its potential to support young people to choose effectively from the range of post-school pathways available to them and to successfully make the transition from school to work or further education and training." Mr Bartlett said.

"VET in schools is becoming very important because it opens up options for young people, can make school more relevant, and often provides a pathway from school to work."

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