



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**  
INQUIRY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION BILL 2012

*Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP  
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## **Canberra hearing for Australian Education Bill**

At a further Canberra hearing for the inquiry into the Australian Education Bill 2012, the Standing Committee on Education and Employment will meet with the Australian Secondary Principals Association and, again, with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The Australian Education Bill 2012 sets out three goals for Australian schooling:

- to provide an excellent education for all students;
- for Australian schooling to be highly equitable; and
- for Australian schooling to be placed in the top five countries in reading, science, mathematics, quality and equity in recognised international testing by 2025.

The Bill commits the Commonwealth to work collaboratively with states, territories, the non-government sector and other partners to meet these goals through developing and implementing a national plan for school improvement and needs-based funding and arrangements.

The Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP, said, 'the Australian Education Bill follows the Gonski review into school funding and establishes a framework for the future direction of education in this country. The Committee has met with a range of stakeholders across Australia and welcomes the opportunity to discuss views raised by them with the Department.'

**Date:** Thursday, 14 March 2013

**Venue:** Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

**Time:** 11:30am Australian Secondary Principals Association  
12:05pm Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**Webcast:** Live on [http://www.aph.gov.au/News\\_and\\_Events/Watch\\_Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)  
(audio only)

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