



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

Inquiry into mental health and workforce participation

*Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP
Deputy Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP*

INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION

EMPLOYER TO APPEAR AT BRISBANE PUBLIC HEARING

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will hear from Abigroup, a major employer in the Australian construction industry about its innovative and proactive mental health and wellbeing initiatives in Brisbane on 9 August 2011.

The Committee will also take evidence from the Queensland Government, Dr Geoffrey Waghorn, the Queensland Alliance for Mental Health Inc, the Queensland Welfare Rights Centre and Boystown.

The Committee's Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth said, "the Committee has taken evidence from a range of individuals and organisations about the best way to support those with a mental illness participate in education, training and employment. We are particularly interested to learn more about a major employer's successes in this regard."

This is the seventh public hearing for the inquiry into mental health and workforce participation. Details of the public hearing are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 9 August 2011

Time:	8:35 am	Queensland Government
	9:15 am	Dr Geoffrey Waghorn
	9:55 am	Queensland Alliance for Mental Health Inc
	10:30 am	Break
	10:40 am	Welfare Rights Centre Inc
	11:15 am	Boystown
	11:50 am	Abigroup

Venue: Undumbi Room, Queensland Parliament House, Cnr of George and Alice Streets

Webcast: Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/> (audio only)

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP on 0416 086 019.

For information on the inquiry: contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4578 email ee.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ee>