



**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

**BEYONDBLUE TO APPEAR AT MELBOURNE PUBLIC
HEARING**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will hear from representatives of Beyondblue at a public hearing in Melbourne on Friday 19 August. Beyondblue works to break down stigma associated with depression and anxiety. These are the most prevalent mental health disorders in Australia and are experienced by 1 in 3 Australians during their lifetime.

The Committee will also take evidence from representatives of the National Employment Services Association, Lantern (Reach Out Employment), Occupational Therapy Australia, Social Firms Australia and the Australian Psychological Society.

The Committee's Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth said, "the Committee is looking forward to hearing from a range of national peak representatives. We know that good coordination between allied health and employment services in recovery from mental ill-health leads to better outcomes for consumers. I am pleased that we will be hearing from peak bodies, employment services and allied health representatives here in Melbourne."

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

Date: Friday 19 August 2011

Time:	11:35	Beyondblue
	12:10	National Employment Services Association
	12:40	Lantern (Reach Out Employment)
	14:00	Occupational Therapy Australia
	14:35	Social Firms Australia
	15:15	Australian Psychological Society

Venue: Legislative Council Committee Room, Parliament House of Victoria, Spring Street, East Melbourne.

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

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