



Public hearings in Adelaide 1-2 May 2006

Employment Committee to host redeployment roundtable

The effectiveness of the support packages put in place to support retrenched Mitsubishi and Holden workers in South Australia will be discussed at a roundtable next week held by the Employment Committee as part of its inquiry into employment in the automotive components manufacturing industry. Commonwealth and state government representatives, industry groups and representatives from Mitsubishi and Holden will be present at the roundtable.

Recent announcements of retrenchments in the automotive manufacturing industry are accompanied elsewhere by evidence of skill shortages in manufacturing. There is a growing need to ensure the viability of automotive component manufacturing, as well as effectively redeploying skilled workers to job vacancies.

Chair of the federal parliamentary committee Phillip Barresi said the automotive components manufacturing industry forms an important part of the Australian economy and retrenchments by the major automotive manufacturers flow-on to affect smaller component companies.

“The production changes and workforce downsizing at Mitsubishi and Holden had a significant impact on component manufacturers in South Australia,” Mr Barresi said. “The Committee will be assessing what lessons can be learned and applied to future labour adjustment packages.”

“The Committee is also looking for examples of innovative practices of the industry working to ensure its own sustainability in the context of pressured local market and increased global competition.”

Public hearing program – Monday 1 May 2006

Venue: Conference Room 1A, All Seasons Adelaide Meridien, 21 Melbourne St, Adelaide SA

9.00am Roundtable with key organisations on labour adjustment packages
10.50am South Australian Government
11.40am Australian Manufacturing Workers Union

Public Hearing Program – Tuesday 2 May 2006

Venue: Conference Room 1A, All Seasons Adelaide Meridien, 21 Melbourne St, Adelaide SA

9.45am Adelaide University
10.50am Mr Stan Gafney, Private citizen
11.30am Northern Advanced Manufacturing Industry Group

Further details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, membership of the Committee and submissions are available at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ewrwp/> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4162 or emailing ewrwp.reps@aph.gov.au

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