



JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

Indigenous Law and Justice Inquiry

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Indigenous Law and Justice Inquiry to Inspect Community Justice Projects at Yuendumu

Federal Parliament's Public Accounts and Audit Committee will continue its inquiry into the provision of legal aid services to Indigenous Australians tomorrow morning with an inspection of community justice committee programs in the remote community of Yuendumu in the Northern Territory.

Chair of the Committee, Mr Bob Baldwin MP, stated "The Committee has accepted an invitation to visit Yuendumu extended by the Kurduju Regional Crime Prevention Committee. The Yuendumu inspection will allow Committee Members to explore issues that confront the delivery of legal services to Indigenous people who live in the remotest parts of Australia directly with those people. The inspection will also allow the Committee to explore the operation of community based law and justice programs first hand."

"The inspection will also allow the Committee to follow up evidence from the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service and the Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit, which provide legal services at Yuendumu, that it took last year in Alice Springs.

"The public hearing phase of the inquiry will continue with a public hearing scheduled this afternoon in Perth."

For media comment: please contact Mr Bob Baldwin MP on telephone

For **more information**, contact the inquiry secretary on telephone (02) 6277 4615 or visit the Committee's website at

www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/index.htm

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