

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON REGIONAL AUSTRALIA***Chair: Mr Tony Windsor MP*

INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

**INQUIRY INTO USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' AND 'DRIVE-IN, DRIVE-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES
IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA****Infrastructure Department to front
Regional Australia Committee**

Three Government departments are due to give evidence before the House Regional Australia Committee on Wednesday in relation to the Committee's inquiry into FIFO/DIDO workforce practices. The Department of Infrastructure and Transport is expected to discuss the challenges with data collection, infrastructure planning and housing availability for the rapidly expanding FIFO/DIDO workforce.

The Departments of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education and the Education, Employment and Workforce Relations will appear give evidence regarding initiatives in place regional education and skills development and Indigenous workforce initiatives.

The Chair, Tony Windsor MP, said 'the Commonwealth Government has a role in many aspects of education, employment and infrastructure policy and funding that has a direct impact on FIFO/DIDO affected towns. The Committee will be making sure that these initiatives are benefiting regional Australia.'

Submissions to the inquiry can be accessed from the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/fifo. Details for the public hearing are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 8 February 2012

Time: 10:00am Department of Infrastructure and Transport
([Submission 138](#))

10.30am Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and
Tertiary Education and the Department of Education,
Employment and Workforce Relations ([Submission 151](#))

Venue: Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra

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

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