

**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****FIFO Inquiry travels to Kalgoorlie**

The Regional Australia Committee will finalise its FIFO inquiry Western Australia public hearings in Kalgoorlie this Thursday.

The Committee will be hearing evidence regarding the doubling of population in some shires of the region and the impact this is having on service delivery, recruitment and retention of workers and their families and community and volunteer opportunities.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has submitted that employees are being penalised for choosing to live with their families in regional Australia and more responsibility needs to be borne by mining companies to ensure the sustainability of regional Australia.

Committee Chair, Mr Tony Windsor MP, said that, 'the Committee has travelled extensively in Western Australia and Queensland and the Goldfields community are not alone in their concerns. The Committee is looking forward to meeting residents and hearing about their ideas to build strong regional communities in this productive region of Western Australia.'

Date: Thursday, 19 April 2012

1.45pm	Shire of Yilgarn
2.15pm	Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry
2.45pm	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
3.30pm	Goldfields-Esperance Workforce Development Alliance
4.00pm	Community Statement Session

Venue: Rydges Kalgoorlie, 21 Davidson St, Kalgoorlie**Webcast: Live on [http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)
(audio only)**

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