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Inquiry into the Education of Boys

MEDIA ALERT

***Att: National media &
education reporters***

STORY ON: Monday 21 October 2002, from 12:40pm

Boys' education report to be released

In recent years, there has been sustained interest in how well boys are faring at school. A number of indicators, such as early literacy testing, school retention and Year 12 achievement, suggest that many boys are not achieving to their potential and, on average, are not doing as well as girls. Other indicators also suggest that boys are not coping socially as well as girls. Is there really a problem? Does anything need to be changed for boys? Will support for boys undermine the gains made by girls?

In its report, the House of Representatives Education Committee considers what the evidence is telling us about boys in schools. Some of the important issues raised during the inquiry and considered in the report include gender equity policy, literacy and numeracy, the significance of male role models and the importance of good teaching.

The Committee will hand down its report next Monday, 21 October.

WHAT: House Education Committee releases the report of its inquiry into the education of boys.

WHEN: Monday 21 October 2002.

TABLING: The report will be tabled in the House at 12.40 p.m. Tabling speeches will be made by the Chair, Mr Kerry Bartlett MP, the Deputy Chair, Mr Rod Sawford MP, and Mrs Kay Elson MP (former Chair) and Mr Sid Sidebottom MP.

MEDIA CONFERENCE: will be held at 1.15pm in Committee Room 2R1 at Parliament House, Canberra

For background information on the inquiry, including submissions and public hearing transcripts, visit:

www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/edt/reports.htm

The report will NOT be available until after it is tabled in the House. After tabling it will be available from the website, and from the Committee Secretariat Office (R1-106).

To arrange media comment, contact **Mr Kerry Bartlett, MP**, Chair of the House Education Committee, on **(02) 4751 7494**.

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