



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Education & Vocational Training
Inquiry into Teacher Education

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 9 February 2006

Chair: Luke Hartsuyker MP
Deputy: Rod Sawford MP

Australian Vice-Chancellors to have their say on teacher education

The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee and Victorian Institute of Teaching will appear before the House of Representatives Education Committee in Canberra tomorrow for its major inquiry into teacher education.

The Education Committee is examining the scope, suitability, organisation, resourcing and delivery of teacher training courses in Australia's public and private universities.

"The majority of the 44 recommendations in the recent Victorian parliamentary inquiry into teacher education involved some action by the Victorian Institute of Teaching," Committee Chair Luke Hartsuyker said.

"Having VIT appear before the Committee will give us a good idea about the teacher education situation in Victoria and what has been achieved since the Victorian Parliamentary report was released in 2005."

The Committee will also hear from Blind Citizens Australia.

The hearing will begin at 10.45am in Committee Room 2R2 at Parliament House on Friday 10 February 2006 and will be broadcast (audio only) internally on the House Monitoring System on radio frequency 96.7.

The Committee has already received over 160 submissions from across Australia and has so far held public hearings in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania. The Committee has also held a number of hearings in the ACT, and will travel to New South Wales in March 2006.

HEARING PROGRAM

Friday 10 February 2006, Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra

10.45am – 12.15pm:	Victorian Institute of Teaching
1.00pm – 1.45pm:	Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee
1.45pm – 2.30pm:	Blind Citizens Australia (Sub. 161)

FOR INTERVIEW: Please contact Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP through Greg Pierce on (02) 6277 4447 or 0408 532 785.

For background information, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4573 or on mobile phone 0421 611 173 or visit inquiry website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/index.htm>.

Submissions are on the inquiry website.