



Final hearing on the inquiry into the effects of the efficiency dividend on small agencies

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit will hold a public hearing in Canberra on 22 October 2008 to finalise its inquiry into the effect of the efficiency dividend on small agencies.

Committee Chair Sharon Grierson MP said, "the Committee has already heard from a large number of agencies about the impact the efficiency dividend has on their capacity to function."

This week we will hear from the Family Court of Western Australia and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO).

"Although the Family Court of Western Australia is federally funded, it is administered by the Western Australian Government, so the Committee is interested to hear this agency's unique perspective on efficiency dividend arrangements."

"The Committee will also hear from ANSTO, which owns and operates a number of major capital assets such as the OPAL reactor on behalf of the Australian government."

"In its submission ANSTO states that reductions in funding associated with those assets could result in their unavailability or compromise their activities and safety."

"This hearing will provide ANSTO with an opportunity to elaborate on those comments."

Wednesday, 22 October
Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, Canberra

- 11.00 am Family Court of Western Australia (via teleconference)
- 11.40 am Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)

The hearings will be **webcast live** on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.
For more information: please contact the Committee chair, Sharon Grierson MP, on 0412 291 654 or the inquiry secretary on (02) 6277 4615 or visit the website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/efficdiv/index.htm>.