



## ***A national approach to FASD***

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs is holding a public hearing on Thursday 28 June for its inquiry into the incidence and prevalence of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

Representatives from three Commonwealth Government departments—Health and Ageing; Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—will give evidence to the Committee on a whole-of-government response to FASD.

Committee Chair, Mr Graham Perrett MP, said that at present Australia does not have a national strategy for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of FASD.

“FASD is a very complex spectrum of disorders that requires a holistic response to combat challenges ranging from learning difficulties, physical and mental health issues, inability to maintain employment to involvement in the criminal justice system, associated substance abuse, and homelessness. This means that all areas of government need to work together for a coordinated approach to providing services to those born with FASD.”

### **Program:**

**9.05 am – 10:30 am, Thursday 28 June 2012  
Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House Canberra**

To listen to the proceedings live on your computer, please visit  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/News\\_and\\_Events/Watch\\_Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)

A transcript of the proceedings will also be made available online next week.

Information about the Committee’s inquiry is available on the FASD inquiry website at  
[www.aph.gov.au/fasd](http://www.aph.gov.au/fasd).

**For media comment**, please contact the Committee Chair, Mr Graham Perrett MP, on (07) 3344 2622 or 0434058200.

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