



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**
Inquiry into mental health and workforce participation

*Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP
Deputy Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP*

INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION

**COMMITTEE TO HEAR FROM AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will tomorrow hear from a number of key government stakeholders as well as employer associations, including the ACCI, for its inquiry into mental health and workforce participation.

The Committee's Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth said, "government organisations and employer groups both have key roles to play in this space and we look forwards to comprehensive discussions tomorrow on strategies to enhance access to and participation in education, training and employment for those with a mental illness, as well as ways to promote mental wellbeing more generally in all workplaces."

This is the twelfth public hearing for the inquiry into mental health and workforce participation. Further hearings and visits are scheduled for Darwin, Perth and Hobart. Details of the public hearing are as below:

Date: Friday, 14 October 2011

Time:	9:00 am	Chair's opening statement
	9:05 am	DEEWR, Dept of Health and Ageing and FaHCSIA
	10:05 am	Dept of Human Services (DHS)
	11:15 am	Dept of Defence
	11:55 am	Commonwealth Ombudsman
	12:35 pm	Comcare
	2:00 pm	Roundtable with employer groups
	3:30 pm	Close

Venue: Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

Webcast: Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/> (audio only)

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP on 0416 086 019.

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