



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Education & Vocational Training  
*Inquiry into Teacher Education*

**MEDIA ALERT**

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*Chair: Luke Hartsuyker MP  
Deputy: Rod Sawford MP*

## Principals present their views on teacher education to parliamentary committee

The Australian Secondary Principals Association will present the findings of their research into the attitudes, beliefs and experiences of beginning teachers regarding their preparation for teaching to a parliamentary committee in Canberra tomorrow.

The House Education Committee is conducting a major inquiry into teacher education. The Committee is examining the scope, suitability, organisation, resourcing and delivery of teacher training courses in Australia's public and private universities.

"We are extremely interested to hear about the experiences of teachers entering the profession and what they think about how well they have been prepared for teaching" said Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP.

ASPA's submission to the inquiry states that "As an Association we have a strong commitment to seeing that there are

- targeted places made available in universities to address the shortage of teachers in subject areas in which there is a shortage and that
- teacher preparation courses provided by universities are grounded in reality, ensuring that the new teachers are well prepared for life in the classroom particularly in the management and motivation of students."

ASPA's submission also expresses the view that "the amount of time spent by pre-service teachers in the classroom, working alongside experienced, quality teachers needs to be **markedly increased.**"

The hearing starts at 9.30am in committee room 1R3 at Parliament House on Thursday 2 June 2005 and will be broadcast (audio only) internally on the House Monitoring System on radio frequency 96.7.

The Committee has already received well over 150 submissions from across Australia and will travel to all states and territories over the next few months to hold public hearings.

### FOR INTERVIEW

Please contact Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP through Greg Pierce on 0408 532 785.

**For background information** including the full terms of reference, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4573 or visit inquiry website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/).

ASPA's submission is on the inquiry website (Submission Number 50).

