



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Education & Vocational Training
Inquiry into Teacher Education

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 20 October 2005

Chair: Luke Hartsuyker MP
Deputy: Rod Sawford MP

Perth public hearings for teacher education inquiry

Five Western Australian universities involved in teacher education will have the opportunity to put forward their views about how well teachers are being prepared for the classroom when they appear before a parliamentary committee in Perth next Tuesday (25 October) and Wednesday (26 October).

The House Education Committee is conducting a major inquiry into teacher education.

“We are interested in learning about the ways in which the universities link theory and practice,” said Committee Chair Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP. Many of the submissions that we have received express strong concern about the quality of the practicum component of teacher education courses.”

“Another emerging focus of the inquiry is partnerships,” said Mr Hartsuyker. “We are interested to know about effective partnerships that exist in Western Australia between universities, employing authorities and schools. We would also like to hear about any impediments to building stronger partnerships.”

As well as hearing from the universities and current teacher education students, the Committee will also hear from other organisations and authorities during the public hearings in Perth. Among those appearing will be the Western Australian Government, the Western Australian College of Teaching, the Association of Principals of Catholic Secondary Schools in Australia and the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations.

HEARING PROGRAM

Tuesday, 25 October 2005, Reception Room, City of Gosnells Administration Building

9.00am – 10.00am:	Curtin University of Technology
10.00am – 11.00am:	Murdoch University
11.15am – 12.00pm:	Dr David Tripp (Sub. 43)
1.00pm – 1.30pm:	Smart Teachers
1.30pm – 2.30pm:	WA Department of Education and Training (Sub. 156)
2.30pm – 3.15pm:	University of Notre Dame – VET Programs (Sub. 15)
3.30pm – 4.15pm:	Association of Principals of Catholic Secondary Schools in Australia (APCSSA) (Sub. 39)
4.15pm – 5.00pm:	Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc (Sub. 35)

Wednesday, 26 October 2005, Room JO1.447 Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus

8.15am – 9.00am:	Western Australian College of Teaching (Sub. 77)
9.00am – 12.15pm:	Edith Cowan University (Sub. 82)
1.00pm – 2.00pm:	University of Western Australia
2.00pm – 3.00pm:	University of Notre Dame (Sub. 80)

FOR INTERVIEW: Please contact Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP through Richard Lehnert on 0437 262243.

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.apph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/index.htm>.

Submissions are on the inquiry website.