



Appendix A – Conduct of the inquiry

Terms of reference

On 9 March 1999, the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, the Hon Peter Reith MP, wrote to the Chair of the Committee, Dr Brendan Nelson MP, asking the Committee to inquire into and report on:

the extent to which employee share ownership schemes have been established in Australian enterprises and the resultant effects on:

- workplace relations and productivity in enterprises; and
- the economy.

Advertising the inquiry

The inquiry was advertised in a number of national newspapers during the period 20 to 24 March 1999. The Committee wrote to the relevant Commonwealth Ministers and to the State and Territory Governments. In addition, over 200 invitations were sent to organisations to make submissions to the inquiry.

Evidence to the inquiry

The Committee received 86 submissions from 54 parties. These submissions are listed in appendix B. Submissions that were sent electronically are available at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/eewr/ESO/subslist.htm> on the inquiry website. Where possible other submissions have been scanned and are available at the same location.

The Committee also received 63 exhibits to the inquiry which were provided as attachments to written submissions, offered during public hearings or sent to the Committee by other parties. These are listed in appendix C.

Public hearings and inspections

The Committee held 9 public hearings in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra. This involved 59 witnesses in total. Details of the hearings and witnesses who appeared are in appendix D.

Transcript of evidence

At the public hearings 366 pages of evidence were recorded by *Hansard*. The transcript of evidence taken at public hearings, and copies of all written submissions, will be made available for inspection at the Committee Office of the House of Representatives and at the National Library of Australia. The transcripts are also available on the inquiry website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ewr/ESO/transcrp.htm>.

Report

A copy of this report is available on the inquiry website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ewr/ESO/index.htm>.