



## **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 social, economic and industrial issues specific to workers over 45 years of age seeking employment, or establishing a business, following unemployment.*

### **Advertising the inquiry**

The inquiry was advertised in the major metropolitan papers in the third week of March 1999. The Committee wrote to State Premiers and Territory Chief Ministers and to almost 500 interested bodies such as Area Consultative Committees, Job Network providers, unions, chambers of commerce, academic and research bodies, and peak industry bodies.

### **Evidence to the inquiry**

The Committee received 275 submissions from 187 parties. These submissions are listed in Appendix B. Submissions that were sent electronically are available at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/>

*eewr/OWK/subslist.htm* on the inquiry website. Where possible other submissions have been scanned and are available at the same location.

The Committee received 166 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 21 public hearings in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Canberra. This involved 199 witnesses in total. Details of the hearings and witnesses who appeared are in Appendix D.

## **Transcript of evidence**

At the public hearings 1043 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 at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/eewr/OWK/transcrp.htm> on the inquiry website.

## **Report**

A copy of this report is available at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/eewr/OWK/index.htm> on the inquiry website.