

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING**INQUIRY INTO COMBINING SCHOOL AND WORK:
SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL YOUTH TRANSITIONS*Chair: Ms Sharon Bird MP
Deputy Chair: Dr Dennis Jensen MP*

Adolescent Overload?

Media Conference: Education and Training Committee tables its report for school and work inquiry

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Training tabled its report *Adolescent Overload?* on its inquiry into combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions. The inquiry looked at the impact of the potentially competing demands of study and part-time or casual employment on youth.

The report was tabled in the House last night and makes 13 recommendations, which include:

- the development and implementation of a national generic skills passport for secondary students to document the employability skills they develop through activities undertaken outside school, including paid and unpaid work, community/volunteer activities, sporting and recreational activities and other life experiences;
- the establishment of a national Employer of Choice for Youth program to recognise the contribution of model employers of young workers; and
- ensuring that structured workplace opportunities are available to all students participating in school-based vocational education and training.

Details of a press conference to discuss the inquiry, the report and its recommendations are as follows:

- Event:** Media conference – Combining school and work: supporting successful youth transitions
- Date/Time:** Tuesday, 17 November 2009, 9.00am – 9.30am.
- Where:** Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra
- Webcast:** Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

An electronic version of the report can be obtained from 8:45am on Tuesday 17 November from the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/edt>.

For media comment: please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Sharon Bird on (02) 6277 4717 (Parliament House).

Further information: contact the Inquiry Secretary on (02) 6277 4578, email edt.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/edt/>