



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Education & Training
Inquiry into Vocational Education in Schools

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 24 April 2003

Chair: Kerry Bartlett MP
Deputy: Rod Sawford MP

Public hearings - Monday 28 April to Friday 2 May – Northern Territory

Darwin, Alice Springs and Yulara visits for vocational education and training in schools inquiry

The rapidly growing area of vocational education and training (VET) in schools is being investigated by the House of Representatives Education and Training Committee. The inquiry is examining the range, structure, resourcing and delivery of vocational education and training programs in schools, including teacher training, the impact of vocational education on other programs, vocational education in new industries, and the accessibility and effectiveness of vocational education for Indigenous students.

The Committee has visited NSW and Queensland and will now spend a week in the **Northern Territory**.

The Territory visit will commence on **Monday** afternoon with a hearing in **Darwin** at Parliament House with the NT Government and the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce. On **Tuesday** the Committee will visit Taminmin High School in **Humpty Doo** to talk to students, teachers and work placement coordinators about vocational education programs in schools. On **Wednesday**, school visits will continue in **Alice Springs**, followed by a hearing on **Thursday** morning at the Alice Springs Town Council rooms with Tangentyere Council and representatives from the Alice Springs Workplace Learning Community. On **Friday** the Committee will visit Nyangatjatjara College at **Yulara**.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SCHOOL VISITS

Please note if media wish to visit schools contact the secretariat first

WHEN & WHERE:

- Darwin** Public hearing, Monday, 28 April 2003
Litchfield Room, Parliament House, 2:45pm – 5:15pm
- Humpty Doo** School visit, Tuesday, 29 April 2003
Taminmin High School, Challoner Circuit, 9:30am – 12:30pm
- Alice Springs** School visits, Wednesday, 30 April 2003
Centralian College, Grevillea Drive, 9:45am – 12:15pm
Yirara College, Stuart Highway, 2:15pm – 5:00pm
- Alice Springs** Public hearing, Thursday, 1 May 2003
The Garden Room, Alice Springs Town Council,
Cnr Todd St and Gregory Tce, 8:40am – 11:00am
- Yulara** School visit, Friday, 2 May 2003
Nyangatjatjara College, 288a Mala Road, 10:00am – 11:30am

"Vocational education and training in schools is growing rapidly," says House Education Committee Chair, Mr Kerry Bartlett. "We need to be sure we are maximising its potential to support young people to choose effectively from the range of post-school pathways available to them and to successfully make the transition from school to work or further education and training. We also need to be sure that where there are greater needs, additional support is available."

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