



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

Inquiry into mental health and workforce participation

*Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP
Deputy Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP*

INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION

**WESLEY MISSION TO APPEAR AT SYDNEY PUBLIC
HEARING**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will hear from representatives of Wesley Mission at a public hearing in Sydney on Friday 17 June. Wesley Mission supports people with mental ill-health from across NSW to access employment through a range of services. As well as assisting consumers in metropolitan Sydney, it has a strong focus on regional areas.

The Committee will also take evidence from representatives of Black Dog Institute, Multicultural Mental Health Australia, Transcultural Mental Health, Macquarie University – Campus Wellbeing, Carers NSW and NSW Consumer Advisory Group – Mental Health Inc.

The Committee's Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth, said "the Committee is looking forward to hearing from a diverse range of witnesses doing important work across NSW. We will hear from organisations advocating on behalf of some of the most marginalised members of our society who are living with mental illness, including the homeless, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and young people."

This is the fifth public hearing for the inquiry into mental health and workforce participation. Details of the public hearing are as follows:

Date:	Friday 17 June 2011	
Time:	9:05	Black Dog Institute
	9:45	Multicultural Mental Health Australia
		Transcultural Mental Health Centre
	10:40	Macquarie University
	11:20	Wesley Mission
	13:00	Carers NSW
	13:40	NSW Consumer Advisory Group – Mental Health Inc.
Venue:	Conference Room A, Commonwealth Offices, 70 Phillip St, Sydney.	

***Any members of the public or media wishing to attend the hearing in Sydney Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, should provide their names and any organisation which they may represent to the secretariat by 12 noon on Thursday, 16 June 2011. Failure to notify the secretariat may result in you not being admitted to the hearing.**

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP on 0416 086 019.
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