



Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Chairman, Mr Bob Charles, MP

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INDIGENOUS LAW AND JUSTICE INQUIRY: PUBLIC HEARING IN SYDNEY ON TUESDAY, 13 JULY

Parliament's Public Accounts and Audit Committee will hold a public hearing into Indigenous Law and Justice on **Tuesday, 13 July** at the **South Sydney Civic Centre in Redfern, Sydney**.

The Committee will hear from witnesses, including the peak bodies for community legal centres, a community legal centre that specialises in the provision of legal services to Indigenous women in NSW, two Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and the NSW Legal Aid Commission.

Public Accounts and Audit Committee Chairman, Mr Bob Charles MP, said "the Committee is particularly interested to hear evidence concerning the access of legal services to Indigenous women in domestic violence and family law matters".

"During the morning the Committee will take evidence from organisations that are involved in the provision of legal services to Indigenous women. Later in the day, we will hear from two Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and the Legal Aid Commission of NSW."

"This is the second hearing in a program that will see the Committee take evidence on the provision of legal services to Indigenous people around the country."

Further hearings will be held in Darwin on 21 July, in Alice Springs on 22 July and in Adelaide on 19 August.

PUBLIC HEARING

South Sydney Civic Centre, Redfern, Sydney

Tuesday, 13 July 2004

- 10.00 am National Association of Community Legal Centres
Combined Community Legal Centres Group NSW
Women's Legal Services NSW
- 11.00 am Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Service
- 11.45 am National Network of Indigenous Women's Legal Services
- 1.30 pm Many Rivers Aboriginal Legal Service
- 2.15 pm Sydney Regional Aboriginal Corporation Legal Service
- 3.00 pm Legal Aid Commission of New South Wales

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