Protecting whistleblowers in the federal government public sector
Public hearing in Melbourne on 21 August

The House of Representatives Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee will conduct its first public hearing for its inquiry into whistleblowing protections within the federal government public sector in Melbourne on Thursday 21 August 2008.

The Chair of the Committee, Mark Dreyfus QC, said, "More effective and comprehensive protection for whistleblowers is needed in the federal government public sector. The Inquiry's public hearing program will play an important role in collecting evidence to aid the Committee in assessing effective legislation for this area".

Representatives from the Australian Institute of Professional Investigators, Post Office Agents Association Limited, Australian Services Union—Taxation Officers' Branch, Transparency International—Australia, Uniting Church in Australia—Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, lawyer Peter Bartlett and Professor Ronald Francis will discuss some of the issues, challenges and best practices, surrounding whistleblowing protections within the federal government public sector.

"The opportunity to hear the views of a range of witnesses will assist the Committee in its consideration of a preferred model for legislation to protect public interest disclosures (whisleblowing) within the federal government public sector," Committee Chair, Mark Dreyfus QC said.

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM
Thursday 21 August 2008
9:30 am to 4:20 pm
Room No. 2, Ground Floor
Victorian State Parliament Committee Offices
55 St Andrews Place, Melbourne

Full program details available at: www.aph.gov.au/laca

For interview:
Contact the Committee Chair, Mr Mark Dreyfus QC, MP on (03) 9769 1955.
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For background information, including the full terms of reference, please visit the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/laca or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 2358 or 0413 483 133.