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MEDIA ALERT

Inquiry into aspects of Australian workers' compensation schemes

Public Hearing – Sydney Friday 18 October 2002

The House Employment and Workplace Relations Committee is inquiring into Australian workers' compensation schemes, with special regard to fraud, safety records, claims profiles and rehabilitation programs.

The Committee commenced its schedule of hearings in Canberra on 18 September. The first interstate hearing will be held in Sydney on 18 October, 2002.

The hearing will include a range of organisations providing different perspectives from employer, injured workers, insurers and service providers, such as:

- Australian Industry Group,
- Insurance Australia Group,
- Labor Council, NSW
- Media Entertainment/Arts Alliance,
- Iniuries Australia, and
- Australian Rehabilitation Providers Association

PUBLIC HEARING

WHEN: Friday 18 October 2002, 8.30am – 4.30pm **WHERE:** Conference Room B and C, Level 8, Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices Charterbridge House 70 Phillip St

The program, transcripts of evidence from hearings and submissions will be available at the Committee's website at: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ewr/index.htm

Background

Occupational safety and workers compensation can impact on all of us. What leads to good safety records across industries and within an industry? How can we ensure appropriate outcomes for injured workers and their families in a system that is fair to all? The Committee also want to know about the suitability, effectiveness and benefits of rehabilitation programs.

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