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Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and other Measures) Bill 2005

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005

On 9 November 2005 the Senate referred the provisions of the above Bills to the Committee for inquiry and report by 28 November 2005 with particular reference to increasing participation by, and reducing welfare dependence of, parents, people with disabilities, the very long-term unemployed and mature age people through:

- (a) the provision of employment services and other assistance; and
- (b) a responsive compliance system that encourages and rewards active participation.

The Bills, Explanatory Memoranda and second reading speeches may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ParlInfo/BillsNet/main.htm>

The Senate has given the Committee a very short timeframe in which to examine these Bills. The Committee invites you to provide a short written submission addressing any aspects of the Bill/s that are relevant to you. The submission should be lodged with the Committee by Wednesday, 16 November 2005. The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document - email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au – otherwise by fax (number 02 6277 5829).

The Committee intends to hold public hearings on the Bills in the week commencing 21 November 2005.