

Economics References Committee

Inquiry into the impact of public liability and professional indemnity insurance cost increases

On 20 March 2002, the Senate referred the following matter to the Senate Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 27 August 2002:

- (a) the impact of public liability insurance for small business and community and sporting organisations; and
- (b) the impact of professional indemnity insurance, including Directors and Officers Insurance, for small business;

with particular reference to:

- (c) the cost of such insurance;
- (d) reasons for the increase in premiums for such insurance; and
- (e) schemes, arrangements or reforms that can reduce the cost of such insurance and/or better calculate and pool risk.

The closing date for submissions is **Monday 13 May 2002**.

Submissions should be addressed to:

The Secretary,
Senate Economics References Committee,
Room SG.64,
Parliament House, Canberra, 2600.

The Committee also requests that where possible, submissions should also be provided by e-mail to economics.sen@aph.gov.au, preferably as MS Word 97 or RTF format documents.

Information and notes to assist in preparing submissions are available from the website www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee or the Secretariat (ph: 02 6277 3540, fax: 02 6277 5719).

Once the Committee accepts your submission, it becomes a confidential committee document and is protected by Parliamentary Privilege. You must not release your submission without the Committee's permission. If you do, it is not protected by Parliamentary Privilege.

The Committee normally makes submissions public at some stage during the inquiry. You may ask for your submission to be kept confidential.