



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

INQUIRY INTO COMBINING SCHOOL AND WORK:
SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL YOUTH TRANSITIONS

*Chair: Ms Sharon Bird MP
Deputy Chair: Dr Dennis Jensen MP*

**ACT secondary students to meet with Committee
to discuss school/work balance**

Public hearing: 17 August 2009

Secondary school students will have a further opportunity to speak with federal parliamentarians when the House Education Committee conducts a public forum at Parliament House on Monday 17 August as part of its inquiry into the challenges of balancing school with part-time work.

Committee Chair Sharon Bird (Member for Cunningham, NSW) said today 'From the outset of the inquiry, the committee has been keen to ensure that the views of students are taken into consideration.'

'The committee's online survey and its student forums held around the country have provided invaluable feedback from young people about the challenge they face in trying to balance their study needs with their jobs outside of school.'

'The committee looks forward to hearing ideas from ACT students on measures that may assist them in this challenge,' said Ms Bird.

Further details on the inquiry can be obtained from the Committee's website at:
<http://www.aph.gov.au/edt>.

The forum will be webcast at <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/> (HMS 11).

Hearing Details:

Date: Monday 17 August 2009
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Venue: Main Committee Room (1R0), Parliament House, Canberra.
Participants: Representatives from ACT secondary schools.

For media comment: please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Sharon Bird on (02) 6277 4717.

Further information: contact the Inquiry Secretary on (02) 6277 4573, email edt.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/edt/>