



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**  
*Review into bullying in the workplace*

*Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP  
Deputy Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP*

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**REVIEW INTO BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE**

## **Workplace bullying inquiry travels to Darwin and Brisbane in July**

The Education and Employment Committee will continue to take evidence in Darwin and Brisbane on 17 and 18 July 2012 on workplace bullying. The Committee will hear from representatives of unions, industry groups, organisational psychologists, workplace consultants, academic experts, and community groups as well as individuals who have experienced bullying in their workplaces.

The Committee Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP, said 'The Committee continues to receive a strong response to its call for written submissions and is seeking to explore issues associated with workplace bullying in greater detail.'

'The Minister has asked us to complement work currently under way to develop a *Code of Practice: Preventing and Responding to Workplace Bullying* and initiatives by state and territory governments,' she said.

As well as the formal public programs (see below), the Committee has set aside time to hear from individuals about their experiences of bullying in the workplace. To encourage maximum participation by individuals, who may be reluctant to be publicly identified, the media will not be permitted to report on these individual impact statements and none of the statements provided to the Committee will be published. Only those wishing to make statements or observe proceedings will be allowed to be present in the room.

Ms Rishworth said, 'Bullying has serious consequences for individuals and the wider community. Every Australian has a right to feel safe and respected at work. While it is not the role of the Committee to intervene in or consider individual cases, we welcome submissions from employers, employees and their representative organisations regarding proposals and suggestions for securing workplaces against bullying at a national level.'

**For media comment:** contact the Committee Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP on 0416 086 019.

**For information on the inquiry:** contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4578 email [workplacebullying.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:workplacebullying.reps@aph.gov.au) or visit the inquiry's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/workplacebullying>

## DARWIN PROGRAM

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 July 2012

**Venue:** Ormiston Room, Level 3, Parliament House, Northern Territory Parliament

**Time:** 8:15 am National Network of Working Women's Centres  
8:50 am Unions NT and affiliated unions  
9:35 am Chamber of Commerce NT  
10:10 am *Break*  
10: 20 am Employee Assistance Service NT Inc. (EASA)  
10: 50 am Impact Statements  
11:30 am *Close*

## BRISBANE PROGRAM

**Date:** Wednesday, 18 July 2012

**Venue:** Dandiir Room, Parliament House, Queensland Parliament

**Time:** 9:00 am Harmer's Workplace Lawyers  
9:35 am Academics  
10:15am Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland  
10:55 am *Break*  
11:10 am Dr Donna-Louise McGrath  
11:45 am Queensland Council of Unions (QCU) and affiliated unions  
12:20 pm *Lunch break*  
12:50 pm Master Electricians Australia  
1:25pm Impact Statements  
2:25 pm *Close*

**Webcast:** Live on [http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament) (audio only). Please note that Impact statements will not be broadcast.