



Australia's international research collaboration Public hearing in Canberra

The House of Representatives Industry, Science and Innovation Committee will conduct its sixth public hearing for its inquiry into Australia's international research collaboration on Wednesday.

Representatives of the **Australian Academy of Science** and **CSIRO** will discuss the nature of existing collaboration, the benefits of international scientific collaboration, impediments to successful collaboration, and strategies for supporting international research engagement. The Academy of Science promotes science through a range of activities and operates an international scientific collaborations program to improve Australian access to global science and technology in North America, Europe and North East Asia. CSIRO is Australia's national science agency and one of the largest and most diverse research agencies in the world.

The inquiry is examining areas of research that can deliver many benefits to Australia and its international research partners.

"International research collaboration delivers tangible benefits to many stakeholders, both in Australia and overseas, reducing costs and sharing in expertise", Committee Chair Maria Vamvakinou said.

"This inquiry focuses on understanding how Australian scientists collaborate with colleagues overseas, and is looking at ways international research collaborations can be better supported".

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

Wednesday 12 May 2010 – 10.00am to 12.00pm
Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, Canberra

10.00am Australian Academy of Science (submission 57)

Professor Kurt Lambeck, President
Nancy Pritchard, Manager, International Programs

10.45am CSIRO (submission 65)

Paul Harris, General Manager, Government and International Engagement
Juliet Bell, Manager, International Engagement

The public hearing will be webcast (webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/), and broadcast internally (audio only) on HMS frequency 97.5. Further details, including the terms of reference, membership of the Committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee's website at: www.aph.gov.au/isi

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