



## **A state perspective on national funding agreements Public Accounts Committee visits Brisbane**

Representatives of the Queensland Treasury and the Queensland Auditor-General will appear before the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit at a public hearing in Brisbane on Tuesday 19 July 2011. The Committee is investigating the implementation of national agreements and specific purpose payments which see \$45 billion paid to states and territories.

The Queensland Government's submission to the inquiry states that Queensland is reliant on Commonwealth funding, with approximately 45 percent of its revenue sourced from the Commonwealth in 2010-11. The submission adds that:

*While States welcomed the COAG reforms and agree that the current situation reflects a better approach to the provision of Australian Government Funding for Specific Purposes, we believe that there is scope to make further improvements to extend and entrench the progress that has been made so far.*

The Committee will also hear from Professor AJ Brown who is a Senior Research Fellow with Griffith University. Committee Chair, Rob Oakeshott MP stated: "National agreements and specific purpose payments form a key mechanism through which funding is transferred from the Commonwealth to the States and Territories. The Committee is keen to gather state perspectives on what works, what doesn't work and where and how improvements can be made."

The hearing will commence at **9:30 am in the Conference room, Commonwealth Office, Level 66, Waterfront Pl, 1 Eagle Street, Queensland** and will proceed as follows:

09:30 am – 10:15 am	Queensland Government
10:15 am – 11:00 am	Queensland Auditor-General
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Break
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Professor AJ Brown, Griffith University
12:15 pm	Close

An electronic copy of the program can be found at

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcpaa/natagree/hearings.htm>

The inquiry's website can be found at

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jcpaa/natagree/index.htm>

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