



Indigenous employment successes: *progress so far*

The Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination will appear before the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee in the Federal Parliament in relation to the inquiry into Indigenous employment.

The OIPC will be asked next Monday (May 30) to comment on the progress of the new Indigenous Affairs arrangements in terms of positive outcomes in employment for Indigenous peoples.

In particular, the OIPC will be asked to comment on the successes of the Shared Responsibility Agreements and the Indigenous Coordination Centres in working with Indigenous communities to create employment opportunities.

The public hearing will be at **3.40 pm on Monday 30 May 2005** in Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra.

The House of Representatives Committee is looking at the positive Indigenous employment outcomes in both regional and urban areas.

Committee Chairman Mr Barry Wakelin (Member for Grey, SA) says “The differences in policy approach for Indigenous people in urban compared to rural and remote areas is just one of the key aspects of maximising Indigenous employment opportunities in the future.”

“We look forward to hearing more about the important factors that have contributed to these successes and what contribution practical reconciliation has made,” he said.

The Committee encourages interested persons and organisations to contact the secretariat if they wish to participate in the inquiry.

Further details on the inquiry, including the complete terms of reference, background documents, and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee’s website at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4484 or emailing atsia.reps@aph.gov.au.

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