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INQUIRY INTO THE FAIR WORK AMENDMENT BILL 2013; and INQUIRY INTO THE FAIR WORK AMENDMENT (TACKLING JOB INSECURITY) BILL 2012

Melbourne hearing for Fair Work Amendment Bills

At a public hearing in Melbourne on Friday, the Education and Employment Committee will hear from key stakeholders (unions, employer associations and community organisations) on two Fair Work Bills.

The Fair Work Bill 2013 is a government bill which proposes to:

- expand the existing family friendly arrangements provided under the Act;
- amend the modern awards objective to provide a fair and relevant minimum safety net of terms and conditions;
- introduce new anti-bullying measures;
- amend right of entry provisions;
- amend the functions of the Fair Work Commission; and,
- provide some minor technical amendments.

The Fair Work Amendment (Tackling Job Insecurity) Bill 2012 was introduced by Mr Adam Bandt MP and seeks to grant casual and rolling contract employees, and their representative organisations (such as unions), the right to request a 'secure employment arrangement' from their employer at any time before or after they have commenced employment.

Date: Friday 24 May 2013

Venue: Committee Room G6, 55 St Andrews Place, EAST MELBOURNE

Programs: The hearing programs are available from the Committee website:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/House of Represe

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Webcast: Live on http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

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