STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Chair: Mr Ewen Jones MP
Deputy Chair: The Hon Alannah MacTiernan MP

Inquiry to kick start the engine of small business employment

Barriers to growth for private sector small businesses, including government laws and regulations, excessive red tape and compliance costs will be on the agenda tomorrow for the first public hearing of the Standing Committee on Education and Employment's inquiry into small business employment in Australia.

The Australian Small Business Commissioner, who represents small business interests and concerns to the Australian Government, will appear before the committee with the discussion aimed at identifying the key issues preventing small businesses from creating employment opportunities.

Committee Chair, Ewen Jones MP, emphasised the importance of supporting small business job creation.

"Small business makes up over ninety five per cent of all businesses in Australia. By supporting this large and important group in creating jobs we can help reduce unemployment and improve the lives of Australians," he said.

"The committee is determined to find solutions for problems facing small businesses and looks forward to meeting with the Commissioner to identify what they might be."

Details of the hearing are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 03 June 2015
Time: 11:20 am – 12:45 pm
Venue: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

Submissions to this inquiry are also welcome. For further information, including the full terms of reference and how to prepare a submission, please visit the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/SmallBusinessEmployment or contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 4573.

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