



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

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

**Final public hearing for TAFE inquiry**

The Standing Committee on Education and Employment will hold its final public hearing tomorrow, Wednesday 16 July, for the inquiry into TAFE and its operations.

The Committee will again receive evidence from TAFE Directors Australia (TDA), the peak national body representing Australia's 61 Government owned TAFE institutes. TDA's evidence is central to understanding the operations of TAFE and having them appear for a second time will give the Committee an opportunity to ask questions based on additional issues that have surfaced throughout the inquiry.

Also appearing is Manufacturing Skills Australia (MSA), the national body representing the manufacturing industry. The Committee will request that MSA provide advice on TAFE's contribution to the manufacturing industry and to elaborate further on the inquiry's first term of reference: *the development of skills in the Australian economy*.

The Committee Chair, Member for Herbert, Mr Ewen Jones says "The evidence we have received to date demonstrates that Australia's TAFE system needs a health check if it is to continue to provide its valuable service to all Australians. The Committee will consider all evidence received and looks forward to presenting the key findings in its report due to be released later this year."

Submissions to this inquiry have closed, however, submissions received and a link to the current online student survey can be viewed on the committee website:  
<http://www.aph.gov.au/ee>

Details of the hearing are as follows:

**Wednesday 16 July 2014**  
**11:20 am to 12:45 pm**  
**Committee Room 1R4**  
**Parliament House, Canberra, ACT**

Proceedings will be webcast at [http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)

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