



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

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

TAFE inquiry - public hearing to be held in Launceston

The Standing Committee on Education and Employment will be holding a public hearing in Launceston tomorrow, 30 April 2014, as it continues the inquiry into TAFE and its operations.

The Committee will receive evidence from the Tasmanian Departments of Justice and Education, TasTAFE representatives, business and industry groups and vocational education and training (VET) specialists.

The Committee Chair, Member for Herbert, Mr Ewen Jones MP, anticipates a wide range of perspectives on TAFE to be presented, enabling the Committee to identify problems and solutions, as well as areas of success.

“The Committee hopes to receive a balanced perspective from TAFE stakeholders in Tasmania, as it works toward identifying how our nation can support this valuable education and skills training resource. The health of the TAFE sector is crucial for economic progress, particularly for areas of Australia with high unemployment such as Tasmania”, he said.

“The Committee expects to receive valuable evidence in Launceston to strengthen and add to the information we have received from previous hearings thus far”.

Submissions to this inquiry have closed. Submissions received can be viewed on the Committee website: <http://www.aph.gov.au/ee>

Details of the hearings are as follows:

Wednesday 30 April 2014

09:30 am – 3:15 pm

**Hotel Grand Chancellor,
29 Cameron Street Launceston TAS**

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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