



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

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

**First public hearing for TAFE inquiry**

The Standing Committee on Education and Employment will hold its first public hearing for the inquiry into TAFE and its operations tomorrow, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014, in Canberra.

In the first of a series of hearings, the Committee will hear from TAFE Directors Australia, the peak national body representing Australia's 61 Government owned TAFE institutes which comprises of over 1,000 urban, regional and remote campuses across the country.

"The Committee is looking forward to receiving an overview of the TAFE system and advice as to what the peak body recognises as significant issues facing TAFE", says the Committee chair and Member for Herbert, Mr Ewen Jones MP.

"TAFE is a significant contributor to the economy in providing pathways to employment and tertiary education, and the development of skills for the workforce. This hearing is an important part of evidence gathering for the Committee in determining where best to focus attention".

Submissions to this inquiry can be made via email to [ee@aph.gov.au](mailto:ee@aph.gov.au) by Wednesday 9 April, addressing the Terms of Reference which can be found on the Committee webpage <http://www.aph.gov.au/ee>.

Details of the hearing are as follows:

**Wednesday 19 March 2014**  
**11:15am – 12:45pm**  
**Committee Room 1R4**  
**Parliament House, Canberra**

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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