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Select Committee on Intergenerational Welfare Dependence

Inquiry into intergenerational welfare dependence

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Intergenerational welfare dependence

Inequality, disadvantage and welfare dependence are big issues.

The Select Committee on Intergenerational Welfare Dependence is holding a public hearing tomorrow at Parliament House as part of its inquiry into intergenerational welfare dependence. The inquiry is examining:

- factors leading to intergenerational welfare dependence
- the impact of intergenerational welfare dependence on children
- measures that can be taken to assist parents and children together to break the cycle of disadvantage.

Chair of the Committee, Russell Broadbent MP, said “the Committee is keen to examine the current design of Commonwealth programs to understand their impact on relieving intergenerational welfare dependence”.

Deputy Chair, Ged Kearney MP, agreed, saying, “it’s also important to evaluate the evidence base of interventions which might prove effective in combatting intergenerational disadvantage”.

Witnesses from the following agencies will appear before the Committee:

- Department of Social Services
- Department of Jobs and Small Business
- Department of Education and Training
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Productivity Commission.

Public hearing details:

Date: Wednesday, 19 September 2018

Time: 11:45am – 1:00pm

Location: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House

Program: www.aph.gov.au/igwd

The hearing will be broadcast (audio only) live at aph.gov.au/live.

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