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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

*Chair: Mr Andrew Laming MP*

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## Age & disability discrimination in the labour market

The Age and Disability Discrimination Commissioner, The Hon Susan Ryan AO, will give evidence at a public hearing tomorrow into small business employment.

Ms Ryan, appointed under the Australian Human Rights Commission, is expected to identify to the Education and Employment Committee some of the barriers to employment for mature aged job seekers and those living with disability.

Mr Andrew Laming MP, Committee Chair, said the Committee is seeking innovative ways to get people into employment with small businesses, particularly those that experience discrimination and disadvantage.

“Meaningful employment is something that all Australians have the right to aspire to but it’s a shameful fact that some people are overlooked in the job seeking process because of their age or personal circumstance. We want to know why this happens and what we can do to improve the chances of these people gaining employment”, he said.

This will be the final public hearing for this inquiry.

Details of the hearing are as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday 25 November 2015

**Time:** 11:45 am – 12:45 pm

**Venue:** Committee room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

Submissions to this inquiry have now closed. For further information about this inquiry please visit the committee’s website at [www.aph.gov.au/SmallBusinessEmployment](http://www.aph.gov.au/SmallBusinessEmployment) or contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 4573.

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