



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

*Chair: Mr Ewen Jones MP*

*Deputy Chair: The Hon Alannah MacTiernan MP*

## Turning small business into a big employer

Boosting the ability of small business to employ will be top of the agenda when a range of small business representatives, an employee group and two employment services organisations brief the Education and Employment Committee at a public hearing in Melbourne on Monday.

Small business represents over 95 per cent of the overall business community and plays a significant role in the Australian economy, accounting for almost half of employment in the private non-financial sector and over a third of production.

Committee Chair, Ewen Jones MP, said that seeking solutions to the barriers small business faces will be the committee's objective for this hearing.

"We know there are problems but what we are really looking for are solutions," he said.

"This Committee is dedicated to seeing national job growth and supporting small businesses is an integral part of that. We want to know how small businesses can create jobs, but also how to keep people happily employed in those jobs, especially those that have a tough time finding work."

Details of the hearing are as follows:

**Date:** Monday 13 July 2015

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Venue:** Committee Room G1, Victorian Parliament, 55 St Andrews Place, Melbourne

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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