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Select Committee on Intergenerational Welfare Dependence

Inquiry into intergenerational welfare dependence

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How does education influence welfare dependence?

Access to quality education from early childhood is key to breaking cycles of disadvantage.

The Select Committee on Intergenerational Welfare Dependence will continue its program of public hearings tomorrow when witnesses from the Department of Education and Training will appear.

Committee Chair Russell Broadbent MP said the Department of Education and Training have a range of programs that provide assistance to people experiencing disadvantage.

“We’re looking forward to hearing from the department about their policies and programs that help Australians access quality and affordable early child care and childhood education, school education, higher education, and vocational education and training,” Mr Broadbent said.

Deputy Chair Ged Kearney MP added that the whole of life perspective the Department takes to addressing disadvantage will be an area of interest for the Committee.

The Select Committee is examining factors leading to intergenerational welfare dependence; the impact of intergenerational welfare dependence on children; and measures that can be taken to assist parents and children together to break the cycle of disadvantage.

Public hearing details: Wednesday, 24 October 2018; 11:45am – 1:00pm; Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

Program: www.aph.gov.au/igwd

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

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