



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

MEDIA ALERT

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Inquiry into Local Government Funding

Inquiry into local government funding & responsibilities - Public hearings in Adelaide -

The House of Representatives Economics Committee is examining the financial position of local government in Australia, and in particular the issue of cost-shifting onto local government.

The Inquiry has been initiated in response to concerns that local government is increasingly having to provide a range of services to communities, such as health centres, aged care facilities, employment programs and security guards, without being provided financial resources to do so.

As part of the inquiry, the Committee will hold a public hearing in Adelaide on Wednesday, 9 October. Details appear below. The hearing will include the opportunity for the public to make statements to the committee on the issues of the inquiry.

The Inquiry is examining local government's current roles and responsibilities, current and alternative funding arrangements, and the scope for achieving a rationalisation of roles and responsibilities between the levels of government. It is interested in achieving better use of resources and delivering better quality services to local communities.

WHO: House of Representatives Economics Committee Inquiry into Local Government

WHAT & WHEN: Public hearing, Wednesday 9 October

WHERE: Balcony Room, 1st Floor, Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide

PROGRAM

Wednesday 9 October

1.30 pm	Mr Bevan. Former Chief Superintendent of Police
2.00 pm	South Australian Government
2.30 pm	Local Government Association of South Australia
3.00 pm	District Council of Grant
3.15 pm	City of Tea Tree Gully
3.45 pm	City of Salisbury
4.00 pm	South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils
4.15 pm	Local Government Metropolitan CEO's Association
4.30 pm	Statements from the general public

The Committee expects to report to Government by mid-2003. The Government will wait for the Committee's report before considering the recommendations of the Commonwealth Grant's Commission's review of the Local Government (Financial Assistance Act) 1995.

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