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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT Inquiry into mental health and workforce participation Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP Deputy Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP

## INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION

## UNITING CARE WESLEY TO APPEAR AT WHYALLA PUBLIC HEARING

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will hear from representatives of Uniting Care Wesley at a public hearing in Whyalla on Monday 6 June. The Whyalla office of Uniting Care Wesley provides a suite of programs that support and prepare people with mental ill health return to community life, education and employment.

The Committee will also take evidence from Interwork Limited, the Career Employment Group, and the Spencer Gulf Rural Health School for its third public hearing for the inquiry into mental health and workforce participation.

The Committee's Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth, said that "this will be the first regional hearing for the inquiry. The Committee is looking forward to hearing perspectives from regional South Australia."

Details of the public hearing are as follows:

Date: Monday 6 June 2011

Time:10.30 amUniting Care Wesley11.15 amInterwork Limited and Career Employment Group11:50 amSpencer Gulf Rural Heath School12.30 noonAdjournment

Venue: Regional Development Australia, 127 Nicholson Avenue, Whyalla Norrie

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