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Inquiry into mental health and workforce participation

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INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION

COMMITTEE TO HEAR FROM MISSION AUSTRALIA

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will hear from Mission Australia as part of its inquiry into mental health and workforce participation. The Committee will be hearing from Ms Kylee Bates, General Manager of Employment Solutions in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia.

The Committee's Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth said, "We know that Mission Australia has been involved in assisting people into education, training and employment opportunities for many years, and is one of the largest providers of Job Services Australia. As such, their contributions are an important part of the evidence gathering for this inquiry."

As part of the inquiry, further hearings and visits are scheduled for Canberra, Darwin, Perth and Hobart. This is the tenth public hearing for the inquiry into mental health and workforce participation. Details of the public hearing are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 22 September 2011

Time: 11:45 am Chair's opening statement

11:50 am Mission Australia

12:30 pm Close

Venue: Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

Webcast: Live on http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/ (audio only)

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