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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

COMMITTEE TO HEAR FROM CENTRE FOR RURAL AND REMOTE MENTAL HEALTH QUEENSLAND

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will hear from the CEO of the Cairns-based Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health Queensland (CRRMHQ), Dr Jennifer Bowers, as part of its inquiry into mental health and workforce participation.

The Committee's Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth said, "We are interested to learn more about the CRRMHQ's work building mental health and well-being in the mining and resources sector and the potential transferability of their programs for other sectors."

This is the sixteenth, and final, public hearing for the inquiry into mental health and workforce participation. The Committee anticipates tabling the report early next year. Details of the public hearing are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 24 November 2011

Time:11:25 amChair's opening statement11:30 amCentre for Rural and Remote Mental Health Queensland12:10 pmClose

Venue:Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, CanberraWebcast:Live on http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/ (audio only)

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP on 0416 086 019.

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