

MEDIA RELEASE

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Chair –Sharryn Jackson MP

PAY EQUITY: THE TIME IS RIGHT

The Committee will hold public hearings in:

- Perth on Wednesday 5 November in the Legislative Council Committee Office, Committee Room 1, Ground Floor, 18-32 Parliament Place, West Perth from 9:00am to 3:00pm; and
- Adelaide on Thursday 6 November in the Old Chamber, Parliament of South Australia, North Terrace from 9:45am to 3:30pm.

The Committee will meet with the Equal Opportunity Commission of Western Australia, the Western Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Local Government Association of South Australia, Working Women's Centre, the National Centre for Vocational Education Research and state union organisations. Representatives of Flinders University, Curtin University, and the University of Western Australia will also meet with the Committee over the two days.

Discussions should cover: current structural arrangements in the negotiation of wages that may impact disproportionately on women, the adequacy of recent and current equal remuneration provisions in state and federal workplace relations legislation; and the need for further legislative reform to address pay equity in Australia.

The Committee will continue to welcome submissions to the inquiry, and will meet with as many contributors as possible at various hearings across Australia during the coming months.

Further details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, background documents, membership of the Committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee's website at <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/ewr</u>, by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4162 or emailing <u>ewr.reps@aph.gov.au</u>.

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