

MEDIA ALERT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth

Chair: Annette Ellis MP Deputy Chair: Hon Judi Moylan MP

## Youth Committee to hear from four federal departments on curbing youth violence

Four federal government departments will appear before the House of Representatives Family and Youth Committee to discuss the impact of violence on young Australians and how government agencies are responding to this growing problem.

As part of the Australian Government's commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of Australia's young people, addressing their concerns regarding violence and personal safety is a priority for action. The submission to the inquiry into youth violence, with input from nine federal government departments, describes a range of initiatives that target risk factors known to increase the risks to young people of perpetrating or experiencing violence.

The Chair Annette Ellis MP said, "This public hearing will provide an opportunity for the Committee to hear how the departments are intending to work together to achieve an effective and coordinated response to violence involving young Australians, as well as to discuss various issues which have arisen throughout the inquiry."

## PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

Wednesday, 12 May 2010 - Committee Room 2R2 - Parliament House, Canberra

10:15am Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Department of Health and Ageing; and Attorney-General's Department

This hearing will be webcast on: <u>http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/</u>

Further details are provided on the Committee website: www.aph.gov.au/fchy

**For media comment**, please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Annette Ellis on (02) 6293 1344 (electorate office). **For all other inquiries** please contact the Inquiry Secretary by phone on (02) 6277 4566 or by email <u>fchy.reps@aph.gov.au</u> or visit the Committee's website: <u>www.aph.gov.au/fchy</u>