



# Bronwyn Bishop MP

*Chairman*

House of Representatives Standing Committee on  
Family & Human Services

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Can salary sacrificing deliver cheaper child care?

The House Families Committee will discuss salary sacrificing child care at a public hearing for its inquiry into balancing work and family in Canberra on Wednesday 1 November at 10:20 am.

The Committee will hear from McMillan Shakespeare Limited, a major provider of independent salary packaging services in Australia. The firm will discuss the growing demand by employees to salary sacrifice their child care costs.

The Committee Chairman Bronwyn Bishop said, "According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, there are 162,000 women in Australia who would be working now if they could make suitable arrangements for child care".

"We welcome the contribution of companies like McMillan Shakespeare that take the initiative and develop innovative solutions to helping people balance work and family," Mrs Bishop said.

The Committee expects to explore taxation reform options to make it easier for employees to offer salary sacrificing for child care for ordinary Australians.

Mrs Bishop said, "If the private sector has a solution to the work family debate, then the Government should seriously look at it."

The hearing is open to all members of the public.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE:**

**Date:** Wednesday, 1 November 2006  
**Time:** 10:20am – 11:20am  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra  
**Witness:** McMillan Shakespeare Limited

**For media interview:** Please contact Damien Jones on **0409 147 247** at the electorate office of the Committee Chairman, the Hon Mrs Bronwyn Bishop MP.

**For further information on the public hearing:** contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4566 or mobile 0421 053 822 or email or visit the website at <http://www.apf.gov.au/house/committee/fhs/workandfamily/index.htm>