



Research training in Australia Public hearing in Sydney

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Innovation will conduct its first interstate public hearing for its research training inquiry in Sydney on Tuesday, 5 August.

“This inquiry focuses on the adequacy and effectiveness of current research training schemes, the factors that determine whether new graduates pursue a career in research, and the opportunities for career advancement for research graduates and staff”, said Committee Chair Maria Vamvakinou.

Representatives of the Centre for the Study of Research Training & Impact, Research Australia, Sydney and Macquarie University Postgraduate Representative Associations, the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation and the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering, as well as Dr Adam Cawley, will discuss the quality and adequacy of research training in Australia.

Representatives from University of Western Sydney, University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, Charles Sturt University and Australian Catholic University will participate in a roundtable discussion of the contribution that Australian universities make to Australian research training, and the challenges those universities face in recruiting, training and retaining quality research staff.

“Attracting new graduates to research, and keeping hold of our best and brightest researchers here in Australia, has become a challenge for many Australian universities”, Committee Chair Maria Vamvakinou noted.

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

Tuesday 5 August 2008

9.00 am to 3.45 pm

Commonwealth Parliament Offices, 70 Phillip Street, Sydney

Full program details available at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isi/research/hearings.htm>

The public hearing will be webcast (audio-only) at: webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/. Further details, including the terms of reference, membership of the Committee and schedule of public hearings can be obtained from the Committee's website at: www.aph.gov.au/isi

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