

**Joint Standing Committee on Migration****Chair: Ms Vamvakinou MP****Deputy Chair: Mrs Louise Markus MP**

Committee to visit refugee program at Adelaide secondary college

The Joint Standing Committee on Migration will be in Adelaide on **Monday, 2 April** as part of their ongoing inquiry into multiculturalism in Australia. The visit will include visiting Thebarton Senior College and a public hearing at the University of Adelaide with leading migration researcher Professor Graeme Hugo.

Committee Chair Maria Vamvakinou said she is keen to see how Thebarton Senior College's new arrivals program for migrant and refugee students is progressing.

"One of the current themes of the inquiry has been the provision of services for young migrant and refugee students to better participate in Australian society and overcome initial settlement barriers. The committee is keen to hear how the new arrivals program helps assists young migrant and refugee students to complete their South Australian Certificate of Education and settle into their local community," she said.

The committee will also be hearing from Professor Graeme Hugo, Director of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre at the University of Adelaide. Professor Hugo is one of Australia's leading researchers on migration in Australia and was recently commissioned by the federal government to report on the contribution of first and second generation humanitarian entrants to Australian society.

"I am very pleased to have Professor Hugo appear before the committee," Ms Vamvakinou said. "His extensive research experience on social and economic migration trends and attitudes in Australia will provide some valuable insight into the committee's inquiry and the importance of research for well-informed policy. We will use this opportunity to hear about some of the current research capabilities on migration and ways of improving qualitative and quantitative research."

Following the visit of Thebarton Secondary College, the Committee's public hearing will commence at **11:45 am in the Basten Room, Mitchell Building, University of Adelaide.**

Audio of proceedings will be webcast on

http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

Full program and other information about the inquiry can be obtained from the Committee's website www.aph.gov.au/mig or from the secretariat on (02) 6277 4560

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