

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

*Chair: Mr Tony Windsor MP
Deputy Chair: Mr Steve Gibbons MP***INQUIRY INTO USE OF 'FLY-IN, FLY-OUT' AND 'DRIVE-IN, DRIVE-OUT' WORKFORCE PRACTICES
IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA****Fringe benefits tax encouraging the use of FIFO?**

On Wednesday, the Regional Australia Committee will be hearing evidence from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and Treasury regarding taxation policy and administration as well as the impact that these policies are having on the use of fly-in, fly-out (FIFO) and drive-in, drive-out (DIDO) workforce practices. The Committee will also hear from the Hon Bruce Scott MP, the member for Maranoa, as well as remoteFOCUS.

Throughout the inquiry, the Committee has received evidence regarding fringe benefits tax (FBT), the living away from home allowance and the zone allowance and the impact that these policies are having on FIFO/DIDO workforce practices. It has been suggested that these taxation policies, especially the introduction of the FBT in 1986, have been significant factors in the increasing use of FIFO/DIDO workforce arrangements.

The Chair, Mr Tony Windsor MP, said, 'it is essential that the Committee gains a comprehensive understanding of these taxation policies and their impact on FIFO/DIDO. We want to ensure that Australians living in regional and remote communities are assisted, not disadvantaged, by taxation policy.'

Date: Wednesday, 22 August 2012**Venue: Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra****Time: 9.45am Australian Taxation Office
Treasury
10.30am Hon Bruce Scott MP
10.45am remoteFOCUS (Submission 169)****Webcast: Live on [http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament) (audio only)**All submissions are accessible from the Inquiry's website: www.aph.gov.au/fifo.

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