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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT Inquiry into international education Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP Deputy Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP

COMMITTEE EXAMINES INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

International education is the second largest services export sector, behind tourism in Australia.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment will hold a roundtable on Tuesday 3 April in Canberra to discuss the progress of recent reforms to the sector.

The Committee's Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth said, "Last year, this Committee conducted a bills inquiry into Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Bills amendments, which were part of the Government's response to the findings of the Baird review into ESOS services. We are interested to learn more about the progress of these reforms, and also those relating to the Knight review into student visa issues. More generally, we wish to gain a clearer picture of the general status of the industry and ways to ensure its sustainability into the future.

Roundtable participants include Commonwealth departments and agencies, peak bodies and advocacy organisations and academics.

Observers welcome.

Program:

Date:	Tuesday, 3 April 2012	
Time:	9: 00 am 9:15 am 11: 00 am	Chair's opening statement Session One: Overview of the sector Session Two: Sustainability of the sector and future
	12:30 pm	, opportunities Close
Venue: Webcast:	Committee Room 1S4, Parliament House, Canberra Live on <u>http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/</u> (audio only)	

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