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Senate committee launches inquiry into APS recruitment and training

The Chair of the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee, Senator Michael Forshaw (ALP, NSW), today announced that the Committee will be conducting an inquiry into Australian Public Service (APS) recruitment and training.

Senator Forshaw said, 'There is a great deal of diversity within the APS. A key aspect of the inquiry will be whether the current devolved arrangements for recruitment and training are working effectively in establishing adequate career paths across different departments and agencies within the APS'.

Senator Forshaw also said, 'Two other major issues that the Committee will consider are:

- employment and career opportunities for young people; and
- training and career development opportunities for APS employees in regional areas compared to the opportunities that exist for their colleagues in the capital cities.'

The Committee is seeking submissions from interested groups and organisations by 10 May 2002. The Committee intends to hold public hearings in the following months and report to the Senate by 12 December 2002.

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