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## Media Release

### Committee to hear evidence on skill shortages in NSW

The Legislative Assembly Committee on Economic Development will hold a public hearing at Parliament House on Monday 19 August to hear evidence on skill shortages in NSW, Committee Chair Mr David Elliott MP announced today.

The Committee is inquiring into the value and contribution of skilled migration in addressing skill shortages, with a focus on identifying areas of need in communities, industries and professions. At this hearing the Committee will hear from industry and professional stakeholders including the Migration Institute, Unions NSW, and Charles Sturt University.

“In specialised fields such as engineering, a lack of skilled workers can have a significant impact on economic performance,” Mr Elliott said. “Skilled migration into NSW is one strategy being applied to the problem. The committee eagerly anticipates hearing from witnesses with views and experience on addressing skill shortages.”

The public hearing will be held in the Waratah Room of Parliament House, commencing at 9.15am, and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Further information about the inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee’s website <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/economicdevelopment> or by contacting the Chair, Mr David Elliott MP on 0414 778 858.

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