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### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACCOMMODATION PUBLIC HEARING, FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2011

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The Chair of the Legislative Assembly Social Policy Committee, Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP, announced that the Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday 21 October 2011 as part of its inquiry into international student accommodation in New South Wales.

During the public hearing the Committee will take evidence from a broad range of stakeholders, including representatives from university administrative bodies, student associations, State government, local government, interest groups, as well as concerned private citizens.

Mr Notley-Smith stated that he was very pleased with the level of public interest shown in the inquiry, with the Committee having already received 48 submissions covering a broad range of views.

"The Committee has noted the numerous concerns in relation to the existence of illegal boarding houses, including the inherent dangers of overcrowding and illegal property modification, and it is committed to developing effective policy recommendations to address these concerns," Mr Notley-Smith said.

"The evidence taken at the public hearing will prove invaluable in building on the information that the Committee has considered to date and it will no doubt inform the Committee's deliberations and its final report."

The public hearing will be held in the Macquarie Room in Parliament House (Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000) and will commence at 10.00 am. A full hearing program is attached.

Further information can be obtained by visiting the Committee's website at <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialpolicy>, or by contacting the Committee Chair, Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP, on (02) 9389 6669.

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