



INQUIRY INTO CHANGES TO POST SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH A DISABILITY

The inquiry was self-referred by the Committee. The terms of reference for the Inquiry are:

That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 inquire into and report on the appropriateness of changes to post school programs for young adults with a disability, and in particular:

- 1. The program structure and policy framework, including eligibility criteria, for the new Transition to Work and Community Participation Programs.*
- 2. The adequacy and appropriateness of funding arrangements for the new programs.*
- 3. The role of advocates both individual and peak groups in the consultation process.*
- 4. The impact of the exclusion of students enrolled or proposing to enroll in post secondary and higher education from eligibility for assistance under the new programs.*
- 5. The appropriateness of the assessment methodology used to identify school leaver support needs and to stream school leavers into the new programs.*
- 6. The adequacy of complaints and appeals mechanisms established in relation to the implementation of the new programs, and particularly with respect to assessment decisions.*
- 7. Whether appropriate and sustainable further education and vocational training and employment outcomes for people with a disability are likely to be achieved as a result of these changes.*

The inquiry will commence in February 2005 with a call for submissions from the general public and interested organisations. Public hearings will follow the close of submissions in March 2005.

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