PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND WORKS COMMITTEE

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INQUIRY INTO PARLIAMENTARY EVIDENCE AMENDMENT (MINISTERIAL ACCOUNTABILITY) BILL

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An Upper House inquiry has been established to examine changes to the *Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901* proposed in the Parliamentary Evidence Amendment (Ministerial Accountability) Bill.

The Parliamentary Evidence Act consolidates the law relating to the summoning, attendance and examination of witnesses before either House of Parliament or any committee. The proposed changes to the Parliamentary Evidence Act would enable Ministers to be summoned to attend and give evidence before either House of Parliament or their committees.

The Public Accountability and Works Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday 23 October 2023, with submissions closing on 19 October 2023.

Hearing details

The hearing will be broadcast live on the NSW Parliament website on Monday 23 October.

Further information about the inquiry, including terms of reference and hearing details (once finalised) can be found on the committee's <u>website</u>.

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