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FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE APPLICATION OF THE CONTRACTOR AND EMPLOYMENT AGENT PROVISIONS IN THE PAYROLL TAX ACT 2007

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This week an Upper House committee will hold its first public hearing for the inquiry into the application of the contractor and employment agent provisions in the *Payroll Tax Act 2007*.

Chair of the Committee, the Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC said: 'Submissions to the inquiry have revealed that many businesses and industries are facing significant legal uncertainty about their payroll tax obligations. This hearing is a chance for the committee to examine this issue in detail and determine whether the Act adequately captures the nuances of modern working arrangements'.

'The committee will hear from affected businesses, peak industry bodies and tax and legal experts, particularly from the healthcare, mortgage and finance, cleaning, maintenance and security sectors to assess whether reform is needed. Officials from Revenue NSW will be given the opportunity to respond to the concerns raised and answer questions on how the Act is administered and enforced', the Chair added.

'We need to get to the bottom of whether certain industries and businesses are being unfairly captured by an ambiguous interpretation and application of the law. If businesses and industries that should not reasonably fall under these provisions are being taxed, then we need to address that', the Chair concluded.

Hearing details

The hearing will be held on Friday 21 March 2025, 9.30 am to 4.15 pm in the Jubilee Room at NSW Parliament. It will be open to the public.

The hearing will also be livestreamed on NSW Parliament's website:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>

More information about the inquiry may be found at the inquiry webpage:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3083#tab-hearingsandtranscripts>

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