

Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues

Inquiry into services provided or funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Issues, the Hon Ian West MLC, has announced the date of a fourth public hearing for the Inquiry into services provided or funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

The public hearing will be held in the Jubilee Room at Parliament House in Sydney on Monday, 27 September 2010 from 10.00 am.

Mr West said, "Public hearings are a very important part of the Inquiry process. We have invited six organisations to appear before the Committee on Monday, who represent many different disability service users. This includes representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, deaf people, older persons and those who live with disability in full-time accommodation."

Mr West also stated that, "Clearly there is a high level of community concern about the issues being examined by the Committee, as shown by the large number of submissions received. The Committee has received 110 submissions to date and is pleased to examine issues of such importance to the people of New South Wales."

The public hearing will involve:

- The Chief Executive Officer of Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- The Chief Executive Officer and other representatives from The Aged Care Rights Service
- Representatives from the NSW Department of Health
- The Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Disability Network
- A representative from the Official Community Visitor Scheme
- Representatives from the Deaf Society

Auslan interpreters will be in attendance to translate the proceedings. For further information about the Inquiry, including witness submissions (where available), hearing schedules, transcripts from hearings and the terms of reference, either visit the NSW Parliament website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialissues, or contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 9230 3504 or (02) 9230 3081.