



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.1

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INQUIRY INTO PERSONAL INJURY COMPENSATION LEGISLATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2 MAY 2005

General Purpose Standing Committee No 1 of the Legislative Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, 2 May 2005 as part of its inquiry into personal injury compensation legislation. The venue for the hearings is Room 814/815 of Parliament House. A program for the hearing is overleaf.

The inquiry into personal injury compensation legislation was established by the Committee to investigate the operation and outcomes of the tort law reforms introduced by the NSW Government since 1999, with particular reference to their impact on insurance premium levels, community events and activities, and employment in rural and regional communities.

This is the first public hearing of the Committee as part of this inquiry. During the hearing, the Committee will be taking evidence from representatives of the NSW Bar Association and the CFMEU, which have both expressed concerns about some aspects of the reforms. The Committee will also hear from the Community Care Underwriting Agency and United Medical Protection Group of Companies, together with the Society of St Vincent de Paul and the Council of Social Services of NSW.

Further hearings are anticipated during the remainder of May, June and July of this year, including additional hearings in Sydney and in regional centres.

Additional information in relation to the inquiry, including a copy of submissions, is available on the Committee's web site at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc1.

Alternatively, for further information, contact the chairman of the Committee, The Rev the Hon Gordon Moyes MLC on (02) 9230 2470 or the Committee Secretariat on 9230 3594.