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SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOME SCHOOLING

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INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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A Parliamentary Select Committee has been established to inquire into and report on home schooling. The committee will be reviewing home schooling practices and comparing the current system with other jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand.

The committee chair, the Hon Paul Green MLC, said “This inquiry will be focusing on the context of home schooling and its regulatory framework, including any impediments to registration”.

The committee recognise that there are a significant number of unregistered home schooling families. Mr Green said “We want to understand the barriers being experienced in terms of the registration process and possible areas for reform”.

Mr Green commented “We want to hear from all stakeholders, including unregistered home schooling families. We assure those families that this inquiry is not about identifying individuals that are not complying with the registration process; it is about looking at the challenges within the home schooling system with the aim of developing recommendations that may lead to improvements in this area”.

The inquiry will also examine whether home schooling families have the support they need. “It is important to consider the characteristics and educational needs of home schooled children and the available support for home schooling families, including any barriers to accessing support”, Mr Green said.

The committee invites all interested stakeholders, organisations and individuals to make a written submission to the inquiry. Submissions are due by 8 August 2014.

For more information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and information about making a submission, please visit www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/homeschooling

For further information, please contact the Committee Chair, Hon Paul Green MLC on (02) 9230 3484.

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