



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

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Inquiry into Workforce Participation by People with a Mental Illness

That under s 33 the *Parliamentary Committees Act 2003*, the Family and Community Development Committee is required to inquire into, consider and report on workforce participation by people with a mental illness, and the Committee is asked to consider:

- (a) evidence of the low rate of workforce participation of people with mental illness, and the social and economic costs involved;
- (b) identification of the barriers that people with mental illness experience in gaining and retaining employment;
- (c) the respective roles of, and collaboration between, local, state and Commonwealth governments, business and community organisations in supporting the workforce participation of people with mental illness;
- (d) the effectiveness of programs that aim to improve the workforce participation of people with mental illness, including best practice models;
- (e) opportunities for tailoring education and vocational training for the needs of people with mental illness;
- (f) effective measures to support employers to recruit, employ and retain people with mental illness;
- (g) the role of mental health services, and general health and community services in improving the workforce participation of people with mental illness.