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MEDIA RELEASE

Queensland's workers' compensation scheme inquiry – Brisbane Hearings

The Finance and Administration Committee will be holding its Brisbane public hearings on its inquiry into the operation of Queensland's workers' compensation scheme on Wednesday 31 October, Wednesday 14 November and Friday 16 November 2012.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Michael Crandon MP, announced that the Committee will hold the public hearings to obtain further information from invited witnesses, who come from the pool of 183 groups who have provided submissions to the inquiry. The public are welcome to observe proceedings either in person or via the internet broadcast.

The hearings will be held at Parliament House in Brisbane. The Committee held public forums in Mackay and Cairns in August.

Mr Crandon said that the Committee will hold a number of sessions over the three days of hearings, with like stakeholders being grouped together. Each stakeholder will be allowed to make a short initial opening statement followed by a question and answer session in a round table type format.

"Given the number of witnesses, the Committee considered that this type of format would be the most efficient way of hearing from the greatest number of stakeholders and cover the greatest number of issues", Mr Crandon said. "The Committee is familiar with the issues raised in the submissions and we wish to further explore aspects of as many of these issues as possible in the time available", he said.

"Stakeholders will be given ample opportunity to make comments during the hearings and the Committee will also be accepting supplementary material subsequent to the hearing should stakeholders feel that this would assist our deliberations", Mr Crandon said.

Mr Crandon also said that even though submissions closed in September, the Committee has continued to consider and accept late submissions.

"The Committee wants to ensure that any stakeholder who wishes to have input in this inquiry is provided with every opportunity to do so", he said.

Additional information, including copies of submissions, is available on the committee's Internet site at: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/FAC>

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