

Committee Role Play

Inquiry into extending school hours

Master Script

Committee Chair: "I declare open this hearing of the Education Committee into extending school hours. I welcome all the invited representative groups. The terms of reference are to determine:

1. the advantages and disadvantages of extending school hours to between 9.00am and 5.00pm.
2. what changes would be necessary to enable schools to operate for the extended hours.

The committee will now hear from several witness groups who expressed interest in the inquiry. I welcome representatives from:

(choose a witness group below)

Witness Group 1. Department of Education

Witness Group 2. Teachers Union

Witness Group 3. Parents' Association

Please approach the table."

The witness group approaches the table and sits down.

Committee Chair: "Please state your names for the Hansard record."

Witnesses state their names in turn.

Committee Chair: "Do you wish to read a statement to the committee?"

The witness group spokesperson reads the statement.

Committee Chair: "Committee members, do you have any questions for the witness group?"

The committee members ask questions, which are answered by the witness group members.

Committee Chair: "I thank the representatives from (witness group name) for coming today."

Repeat for each witness group.

After all the witness groups have been heard, the chairperson of the committee ends the inquiry.

Committee Chair: "This committee inquiry is now adjourned. The committee will consider the evidence heard here today and will write its report. The report will be tabled in the Parliament."