



## ***EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE***

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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

**From:** Hon T.G. Stephens, MLA,  
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### **INQUIRY INTO GENERAL HEALTH SCREENING OF CHILDREN AT PRE-PRIMARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL**

On 12 March 2008, the Education and Health Standing Committee resolved to report and make recommendations to the Parliament on the issue of the general health screening of children at pre-primary and primary school level in Western Australia.

The Committee's Chairman, Hon Tom Stephens, said that "The importance of this issue can be seen in the more than thirty submissions from government departments, non government organisations and individuals received by the Inquiry. WA has a long history of positive government support for health screening as part of the early education of young West Australians".

At 9.15am on Wednesday 11 June public hearings will be held with evidence provided by staff from the Department of Health and the Department of Education and Training. The hearings will be held in Meeting Room 1, Level 1, 11 Harvest Terrace, West Perth.

#### The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are:

1. Appraisal of the adequacy and availability of screening processes for hearing, vision, speech, motorskill difficulties and general health.
2. An assessment of access to appropriate services that address issues identified by an appropriate screening process.

The members of the Committee are the Member for Central Kimberley-Pilbara (Hon Tom Stephens, MLA), Chairman; the Member for Bassendean (Mr Martin Whitely, MLA); the

Member for Darling Range (Hon John Day, MLA); the Member for Peel (Mr Paul Papalia, CSC MLA) and the Member for Wagin (Mr Terry Waldron, MLA).

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