

Legislative Council



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Inquiry into access to Australian Standards adopted in delegated legislation – Hearings

The Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation will be holding public hearings as part of its inquiry into access to Australian Standards adopted in delegated legislation.

Hearings will commence at 9:30am on 14 August 2015, with the following organisations:

Organisation	Time
Standards Australia	9:30am
Department of Commerce	10:30am
Department of Local government and Communities	11:00am
Department of the Attorney General/Parliamentary Counsel's Office	11:30am
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	12:30pm
Housing Industry Australia	1:00pm

The hearings will be held at the **Legislative Council Committee Office, Ground Floor, 18-32 Parliament Place, West Perth** and open to the general public.

This inquiry arose out of the Committee's observation that delegated legislation (including rules, regulations and local government local laws) frequently adopt Australian Standards, but those Standards are not accessible free of charge to the public, or the Parliament, in the same way that primary and secondary legislation is publicly available.

Peter Abetz MLA, Chairman of the Committee said:

"It is a feature of the rule of law that the law in question must be capable of being known by everyone, so that everyone can comply with it. As well as being clear and certain, that law must be readily available."

For media inquiries, contact Mr Peter Abetz MLA, Chair on 0409 076 155.

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Further information regarding the committee is available at www.parliament.wa.gov.au/del

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