



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS**

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**INQUIRY INTO  
THE EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN THE ACT**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

On Thursday 25 June 2009, the Legislative Assembly for the ACT referred to the Standing Committee on Education, Training and Youth Affairs for inquiry and report the extent of existing socio-economic differences in educational engagement and achievement in all ACT government and non-government schools, with particular reference to:

- o educational engagement and outcomes for students of all interests and abilities, with reference to any implications of cultural background, including Indigenous and ESL students;
- o engagement and achievement rates within the ACT student population including those related to national and international assessments, including:
  - o average outcomes;
  - o proportion of students below national and international assessment benchmarks; and
  - o proportion of students achieving at the highest and lowest proficiency levels;
- o qualitative assessments of educational experiences for students from different backgrounds;
- o current programs and initiatives designed to address educational achievement gaps, including resources allocated and relevant experiences in other jurisdictions; and
- o any other related matter.