

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA Economic, Education, Jobs and Skills Committee

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Aiming for top marks in career advice

A new parliamentary inquiry exploring ways to improve career advice for school students is inviting input from the community.

Public submissions to the Economic, Education, Jobs and Skills Committee's inquiry into career advice activities in Victoria are open until 15 December 2017.

"The Committee will investigate how well school career advice is meeting the needs of young people, and if there are ways it can be improved," said Committee Chair Mr Nazih Elasmar.

Successful transition from school to work is becoming more important due to changes in the workplace and predictions that young people will have multiple careers over their lifetime.

Many young people get information about careers at school, but Mr Elasmar questioned whether that information covered all options to maximise students' employment opportunities.

"Is career advice for students tailored to workforce projections? Do school career advisers have enough resources? These are questions the Committee will try to answer," he said.

"We are keen to hear ideas from students, teachers and parents on how to enhance the career advice offered by schools.

"We are also interested in hearing suggestions from Victorian employers and industry groups," Mr Elasmar said.

The inquiry will examine the challenges faced by school career advisers and specifically consider career advice for young people in regional Victoria.

Details on how to make a submission and the inquiry's terms of reference are available from the Committee's <u>website</u>.

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