



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEDIA ALERT

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Child abuse Inquiry – first hearing dates announced

Hearing dates in October for the Family and Community Development Committee's Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations are as follows

- Friday 19 October - full day of hearings
- Monday 22 October - half day of hearings, in the afternoon

Both hearings will open to the public and held in the Legislative Council Committee Room on level 1 at Parliament House.

Details of witnesses to appear before the Committee on these days will be posted on the [Inquiry website](#) closer to the hearing dates.

Further assistance:

- *For further information regarding the Inquiry, please see the Committee website at <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/fcdc/inquiry/340> or phone (03) 8682 2843*
- *Help for victims - including support in preparing for and attending a public hearing and linking people to local support groups and services - is available through the Victims of Crime Helpline on 1800 819 817*
- *For media queries by journalists, please contact Amanda Kennedy on 0409 890 658*