

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA Legal and Social Issues Committee

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## Hearings begin on youth justice centres

The parliamentary inquiry into youth justice centres in Victoria will commence its public hearings this Friday 17 March.

The first public hearing, by the Legal and Social Issues Committee, will be from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm in Meeting Room G6, 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne.

The Victorian Ombudsman will be the first to present evidence, with other witnesses including the Commission for Children and Young People, the Sentencing Advisory Council and the Youth Parole Board.

The inquiry is examining issues arising at the Parkville and Malmsbury Youth Justice Centres. The Committee will investigate incident reporting; the security and safety of staff and young offenders; management culture and practices; as well as the oversight role of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The schedule for the public hearing and more details on the inquiry are available from the Committee's <u>website</u>.

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