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EXPERT TO MEET SA MPS ON WORK LIFE BALANCE

An academic and former Western Australian MP who is driving work life balance initiatives in her home state, is coming to South Australia to discuss her work.

Dr. Cheryl Davenport is the chair of Western Australia's State Health Advisory Committee on Work Life Balance, and has been working on initiatives to develop flexible working arrangements that help attract and retain staff for her state's public sector health workforce.

In a tight and competitive labour market, Dr. Davenport will be discussing how work life balance initiatives can give employers a competitive edge in recruiting and retaining staff, that would see them perceived as an 'employer of choice'.

While in Adelaide, Dr. Davenport will meet with the Minister for Families and Communities, Jay Weatherill; and Grace Portolesi MP, who heads the State Parliamentary Committee investigating work life balance.

Dr. Davenport will also address an Executive Breakfast as part of Public Sector Week on Wednesday.

Her visit coincides with ongoing efforts by SafeWork SA to develop a South Australian work-life balance strategy embracing both the private and public sectors.

This forms part of the agency's commitment to Target 2.12 of the South Australian Strategic Plan, which aims to improve the quality of life of all South Australians through the maintenance of a healthy work-life balance.

For more information about Dr. Davenport's visit, and the SA Work Life Balance Project, contact Michelle Hogan at SafeWork SA on 8303 9927.

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