

Update on the work of committees

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee

 The needs of urban dwelling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The committee is conducting public hearings: 1 May Alice Springs visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/Atsia/urbandwelling/Inquinf.htm email: atsia.reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4559

Communications, Transport and the Arts Committee

· Art Indemnity Australia

The committee is considering evidence.

· Adequacy of radio services in non-metropolitan Australia

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings.

visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/cta/irindex.htm

· Progress in rail reform

The report will be released shortly.

For information on all Communications, Transport and the Arts Committee inquiries email: CTA.Reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4601

Economics, Finance and Public Administration Committee

· Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1999-2000

The committee is conducting public hearings: 11 May 10am - 2pm Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, Melbourne visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa/rba9900/rbaindex.htm

International financial market effects on government policy

The committee released its report on 26 March. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa/ifm/report.htm

· Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 1999-2000

The committee is considering evidence

For information on all Economics, Finance and Public Administration Committee inquiries

email: EFPA.Reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4587

Electoral Matters Committee

· Electoral funding and disclosure

The committee is seeking submissions. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/f&d/index.htm

The integrity of the electoral roll

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/em/elecroll.index.htm

For information on all Electoral Matters Committee inquiries email: JSCEM@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 2374

Employment, Education and Workplace Relations Committee

· Education of boys

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/eewr/Eofb/index.htm email: EEWR.Reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4573

Environment and Heritage Committee

 Public good conservation – Impact of environmental measures imposed on landholders

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ/pubgood/index.htm For information on all Environment and Heritage Committee inquiries email: Environment.Reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4580

Family and Community Affairs Committee

Substance abuse in Australian communities

The committee is conducting public hearings:

1 - 2 May Brisbane

21 May 8.30am Parliament House, Canberra

13 - 14 June Tasmania

visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fca/subabuse/inqinde2.htm email: fca.reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4566

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

 Australia's relations with the Middle East, including the Gulf region

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/mideast/MEindex.htm email: jscfadt@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4306

 Australia's relations with the United Nations in the post Cold War environment

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/U_Nations/UNIndex.htm email: jscfadt@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4629

Enterprising Australia - planning, preparing and profiting from trade and investment

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings: 18 and 25 June 10am - 1.00pm Parliament House, Canberra visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/Enterprise/EA_index.htm email: jscfadt@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4624

. The link between aid and human rights

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings: 8 June 10am - 4.00pm Parliament House, Canberra visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/HR_Aid/Aidindex.htm email: jscfadt@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4541

• Inspection of immigration detention centres

The committee is considering evidence. For information email: jscfadt@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4541

· Examination of the annual report of the Department of Defence - Military Justice

The committee released its report on 11 April. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/DOD_Rept/MJIndex.htm email: jscfadt@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 2124

Examination of the annual report of the Department of Defence - Military Execises

The committee is conducting a public hearing: 22 June 10am - 1pm Parliament House, Canberra

· Suitability of the Australian Army for peacetime, peacekeeping and war

The committee is following up its report. visit: www.aph.gov.au/committee/jfadt/army/inqindex.htm email: jscfadt@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 2124

Second Australian Government Loan to Papua New Guinea

The committee released its report on 2 April. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/PNGLoan/Loan2ind.htm email: jscfadt@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 2313

Work

Industry, Science and Resources Committee

· Increasing value-adding to Australian raw materials

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isr/Val_Add/index.htm email: ISR.Reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4594

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

· Scientific, ethical and regulatory aspects of human cloning

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/laca/humancloning/inqinf.htm email: laca.reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 2358

Migration Committee

• 2001 Review of Migration Regulation 4.31B

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/MIG/ Regulation2001/index.htm

· Review of state-specific migration mechanisms

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/MIG/statemig/index.htm For information on all Migration Committee inquiries email: jscm@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4560

National Capital and External Territories Committee

· Provision of health services on Norfolk Island

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/Norfolk/Index.htm

· Sale of the Christmas Island resort

The committee is considering evidence. **visit:** www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/Clresort/Index.htm

· Norfolk Island electoral matters

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/NICitizenship/Index.htm
For information on all National Capital and External Territories Committee inquiries email: JSCNCET@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4355

Primary Industries and Regional Services Committee

The development of high technology industries in regional Australia based on bioprospecting

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings: 4 June 9am - 12noon Parliament House, Canberra visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/primind/bioinq/index.htm email: Primary.Industries.reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4500

Procedure Committee

Procedures for the opening of Parliament

The committee is seeking submissions. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/proc/opening.htm email: procedure.committee.reps@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4685

Public Accounts and Audit Committee

· Review of the accrual budget documentation

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings: 25 May and 22 June 9am - 4pm Parliament House, Canberra

visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/accrualbudget/inqinde2.htm

· Review of Coastwatch

The committee is considering evidence. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/coastwatch/inqinde2.htm

Inquiry into the Auditor-General Act 1997

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings: 15 May 9.30am - 4pm Melbourne visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/ auditor-generalactreview/inqinde2.htm

· Review of Auditor-General's reports

The committee is conducting public hearings: 2 May 9.30am - 3.15pm Parliament House, Canberra visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/auditor_generals/inqinde2.htm

• Report 381: JCPAA Annual Report

The committee released its report on 5 April. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/AR99_00/contents.htm For information on all Public Accounts and Audit Committee inquiries email: jcpa@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4615

Public Works Committee

Fit-out of new leased premises for Dept. of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, ACT

The committee is seeking submissions.

 Site filling, stabilisation and construction of infrastructure for the Defence site, Ermington, Sydney

The committee is considering evidence.

· Proposed Commonwealth Law Courts, Adelaide

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings.

 Defence Housing Authority responses to recommendations in the Tenth Report of 2000, Development of 90 Apartments in Darwin

The committee released its report on 6 March.

Development of freight and passenger facilities on West Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands

The committee is seeking submissions.

For information on all Public Works Committee inquiries visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pwc/index.htm email: jcpw@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4636

Treaties Committee

Australia's relationship with the World Trade Organisation

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings. visit: www.aph.gov.au/committee/jsct/wto/wto.htm

• Review of treaties tabled on 27 February 2001

The report was released in April. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct

• The Kyoto Protocol

The committee released a discussion paper on 4 April. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/kyoto/kyoto.htm

· Extradition law

The committee is considering evidence. **visit:** www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/extradition/extradition.htm

• The Statute for an International Criminal Court

The committee is seeking submissions and conducting public hearings. visit: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/ICC/ICC.htm

Privileges and immunities for the Tribunal on the Law of the Sea

The report was released in April.

For information on all Treaties Committee inquiries email: jsct@aph.gov.au or call: (02) 6277 4002