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 - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
 - (ii) a Minister; and
- c) such other matters as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.



List of abbreviations

ACCI	Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
AFGC	Australian Food and Grocery Council
AJBCC	Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee
ANIC	Australian Nut Industry Council
BRTAs	Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements
CMEWA	Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
EPA	Economic Partnership Agreement
FTA	free trade agreement
FSC	Financial Services Council
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
ITO	International Trading Organisation
ISDS	investor-state dispute settlement
JAEPA	<i>Agreement between Australia and Japan for an Economic Partnership</i>
JASSO	Japan Student Services Organization
KAFTA	Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement
MCA	Minerals Council of Australia

MFN	most-favoured-nation
NIA	National Interest Analysis
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
SPS	sanitary and phytosanitary
TRQs	tariff rate quotas
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
WTO	World Trade Organisation



List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Agreement between Australia and Japan for an Economic Partnership* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.