



JOINT COMMITTEES

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE**

**Inquiry into certain aspects of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Annual Report  
2019-20 - child and forced marriage.**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday 18 June 2021**

**Committee Room 1R1  
Parliament House, Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.00 am	<p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</b> Ms Alison Chartres, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Middle East and Africa Division Dr Robert Christie, Assistant Secretary, Educational Social Protection and Human Development Finance Branch Ms Julie-Ann Guivarra, Ambassador for Gender Equality and Assistant Secretary Gender Equality Branch Ms Lucienne Manton, Ambassador and Assistant Secretary, People Smuggling and Human Trafficking Branch Dr Mary Ellen Miller, Assistant Secretary, Human Rights Policy and Social Inclusion Branch</p> <p><b>Australian Border Force and Department of Home Affairs</b> Ms Frances Finney, PSM, Assistant Secretary Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Ms Vanessa Holben, Group Manager Deputy Comptroller-General Customs</p> <p><b>Australian Federal Police</b> Ms Lesa Gale, Assistant Commissioner, Northern Command Ms Hilda Sirec, Commander, Northern Command Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation</p>
9.45 am	<b>Break</b>
10.00 am	<p><b>Walk Free</b> Ms Grace Forrest, Founding Director Ms Lisa Singh, Head of Government Advocacy</p> <p><b>Anti-Slavery Australia (and My Blue Sky)</b> Professor Jennifer Burn, Director Ms Sandeep Dhillon, Lawyer</p> <p><b>Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)</b> Mrs Meghan Bourke, Community Worker, Forced Marriage Team Ms Christine Carolan, Executive Officer Sister Clare Condon, National Committee Member Ms Elizabeth Morris, Australian Capital Territory Committee Member</p>
11.15 am	<b>Break</b>

11.30 am	<b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</b>  <b>Australian Border Force and Department of Home Affairs</b> Ms Jodie Bjerregaard, Assistant Secretary Family Visas  <b>Australian Federal Police</b>
<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>