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JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

Inquiry into the Government Procurement Framework

Issue date: Monday, 8 May 2017

Government procurement hearing in Canberra

The [Joint Select Committee on Government Procurement](#) is conducting a public hearing in Canberra today to discuss the new Commonwealth Procurement Rules with a range of stakeholders.

The revised rules, which came into effect on 1 March 2017, require that goods and services comply with Australian standards, adhere to labour regulations, OH&S laws and environmental standards, meet Australia's international trade obligations and consider the economic benefit of the procurement to the Australian economy.

Committee Chair, [Senator Nick Xenophon](#) highlighted the importance of seeking input into effective implementation of the new rules.

"It is important that we receive feedback from the organisations that are affected by the new rules, especially regarding the application of Australian Standards in the procurement process.

"Similarly, in the interest of benefiting Australian business, the Committee is looking at best practice methods for procurement at a state and national level. We have received some extremely helpful information regarding both South Australia and Victoria's public procurement processes, and are investigating what the Commonwealth could learn from these practices," Senator Xenophon said.

The Committee will hear from representatives from government departments and organisations including the Australian National Audit Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, and Ethical Clothing Australia.

A downloadable public hearing program including a full list of representatives, and inquiry Terms of Reference is available on the Committee's [website](#).

Public hearing details: 8:30am – 5:10pm, Monday 8 May 2017, Members Dining Room 3, Old Parliament House, Canberra

8.30 am	Industry Capability Network
9.15 am	Ethical Clothing Australia
10.00 am	Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman
10.55 am	Australian Forest Products Association; Australian Paper
11.40 am	Australian Steel Institute
1.15 pm	Anti-Slavery Australia
2.00 pm	Australian National Audit Office
2.45 pm	Department of Defence
3.40 pm	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



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4.25 pm Department of Finance
5.10 pm *Close*

The hearing will be broadcast live in audio format at aph.gov.au/live.

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