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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue
Inquiry into taxpayer engagement with the tax system

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Everyone's responsibility— taxpayer engagement in Australia

The [Tax and Revenue Committee](#) will hold its first public hearing today with Australia's Federal Treasury and the Australian Taxation Office.

Committee Chair [Mr Kevin Hogan MP](#) said the hearing will provide the opportunity to discuss the framework of the Australian tax and superannuation system and how Australians currently operate within it.

"This inquiry has a wide range of areas to consider. Importantly, it will examine how individuals and small businesses perceive and operate within the tax and superannuation system – and what may impact levels of voluntary compliance and contribute to a best-practice framework," Mr Hogan said.

The Committee will investigate the impact and considerations of the relatively new and transformative technological changes affecting the tax system. In particular, the 'digital-by-default' strategy of the ATO —and the readiness of all stakeholders to fairly, confidently and securely deal with this—will be explored. The digitisation of tax services is a major part of the ATO's Reinvention Program but behavioural change will also play a key role in the future tax system.

"A specific focus of the Committee's inquiry reference is on non-compliant activity within Australia's cash economy," Mr Hogan said.

"This is an issue which affects all Australians - not merely those required to lodge tax returns".

The experiences of other comparable taxation jurisdictions – especially in the field of behavioural economics – will be explored during the course of the inquiry.

Public Hearing Program

Wednesday, 29 March 2017

Committee Room 2R1, PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Time	Organisations
4.15 – 5.00 pm	The Australian Taxation Office
5.00 – 5.45 pm	The Treasury

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

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