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Chair: *The Hon Dr Sharman Stone MP*

**Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**  
**Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee**

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**Private sector's role in international development**

The federal parliamentary inquiry into the role of the private sector in promoting economic development and reducing poverty in the Indo-Pacific region will be further explored at public hearings in Canberra.

The Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade will hold the series of hearings over this sitting fortnight.

Government, academic, private and NGO sectors are invited to discuss opportunities to leverage Australia's foreign aid contribution, public-private partnerships, transparency, accountability and supporting women in building economies in sectors including agriculture and extraction, education, banking, infrastructure development and manufacturing.

Public hearings will be held in Parliament House as follows:

<b>Wednesday 27 August</b>	<b>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</b>
<i>Transparency International</i>	
<b>Friday 29 August</b>	<b>9:00 am – 3:00 pm</b>
<i>Oil Search Limited</i>	
<i>IWDA</i>	
<i>Ernst &amp; Young</i>	
<i>Roundtable</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Lowy Institute for International Policy</i></li><li>- <i>Development Policy Centre – Australian National University</i></li><li>- <i>Australian Strategic Policy Institute</i></li></ul>	
<i>Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand</i>	
<i>Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research</i>	
<i>Roundtable</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Department of Employment</i></li><li>- <i>Department of Industry</i></li></ul>	
<b>Monday 1 September</b>	<b>5:40 pm – 6:30 pm</b>
<i>Minerals Council of Australia</i>	
<b>Wednesday 3 September</b>	<b>1:00 pm – 2:00 pm</b>
<i>Roundtable</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Australian Business Volunteers</i></li><li>- <i>Australian Volunteers International</i></li></ul>	

Details for each public hearing will be available on the committee's website prior to the hearings. Live audio broadcast will be available at <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>