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## MEDIA RELEASE

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

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### **Partners in design—tax compliance in a digital economy**

Partners in the digital transformation of Australia's taxation and payment systems will meet with the [House Committee on Tax and Revenue](#) tomorrow. The hearing will be one of the last for the Committee's inquiry into taxpayer engagement with Australia's tax system.

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has been a leading agent of change in the digital transformation of Australian government services. In partnership with banks, telecommunications providers and global accounting software firms, the ATO has been working to design and build compatible lodgement systems for small businesses, tax agents and all general taxpayers.

Chair of the Committee [Mr Kevin Hogan MP](#) said that, as well as the ATO, MYOB Australia and Xero Australia, the Committee will also hear from the Digital Transformation Agency, overseer of the Government's Digital by Default agenda, and the Reserve Bank of Australia to discuss the launch this year of Australia's New Payment Platform.

"The digital revolution is changing the way we communicate information, conduct business and provide government services. The challenge for the Australian Tax Office and its partners is to ensure that tax engagement is easier, faster and more secure, despite the new opportunities the digital economy also provides for tax avoidance," Mr Hogan said.

**Public Hearing details: 9.00 am to 1.15 pm, Friday 27 October 2017, Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra.**

The hearing will be broadcast [live](#).

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