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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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## Crime busting the cash economy

Representatives from the Attorney-General's Department and portfolio agencies will discuss the connection between criminal activities and the cash economy at the [Tax and Revenue Committee's](#) public hearing for the inquiry into taxpayer engagement with Australia's taxation system this Wednesday 21 June.

Committee Chair [Mr Kevin Hogan MP](#) said tomorrow's meeting will focus on investigation and enforcement against cash activity associated with money laundering, terrorism financing, organised crime and serious tax evasion.

"These activities are often funded by otherwise legitimate businesses that are avoiding paying their fair share of tax," Mr Hogan said.

At the hearing, officials from the Attorney-General's Department Transnational Crime Branch will be accompanied by representatives from the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) and the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC), two portfolio agencies involved in gathering of criminal intelligence and information.

Mr Hogan said the Committee welcomes this opportunity to explore with the Attorney-General's portfolio agencies their participation in multi-agency investigative operations.

"The Serious Criminal Assets Confiscation Taskforce, for example, is a multi-agency taskforce led by the Australian Federal Police, in which ACIC and the Australian Taxation Office participate to crack down on serious and organised crime by reducing the financial benefits and preventing the reinvestment of illicit profits in criminal activity," Mr Hogan said.

**Public Hearing details: 4:15pm – 5.30pm, Wednesday 21 June 2017, Committee Room 2R1  
Parliament House, Canberra**

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

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