



Tax Office and Treasury to front tax disputes inquiry

The Australian Taxation Office and Treasury will appear before the House Tax Committee tomorrow as part of its inquiry into tax disputes.

Topics likely to be raised at the hearing include:

- progress in implementing alternative dispute resolution at the ATO
- transferring the objections function for business taxpayers with turnover above \$100 million out of the Compliance Group into the Law Design and Practice Group
- communications between the review officer and the original decision maker during disputes
- whether an agency separate to the ATO should be created to manage disputes and conduct litigation.

The hearing will also allow the ATO and Treasury to outline the disputes process and its legal framework before the committee holds public hearings interstate.

Committee chair John Alexander said the hearing will provide the committee and the general public with a comprehensive overview of the disputes process and will set the scene for the committee's inquiry.

"We look forward to hearing the views of the ATO and the Treasury, and comparing the theory of disputes with the actual experience of taxpayers and tax practitioners in later hearings," he said.

Public hearing program

Wednesday 16 July 2014

Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

4 pm The Treasury and the Australian Taxation Office
5:30 pm Adjournment

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

For media comment: please contact Committee Chair, Mr John Alexander OAM MP, on (02) 6277 4804.

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