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Home Affairs, DFAT, and Defence on Myanmar

The Foreign Affairs and Aid Subcommittee of the <u>Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs</u>, <u>Defence and Trade</u> is holding the next stage of public hearings into the military coup in Myanmar on **Thursday**, **13 May**.

Representatives from the Department of Home Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Department of Defence will appear to provide detail on the Australian Government's response to the unfolding crisis.

Chair of the Subcommittee, <u>Dave Sharma MP</u>, said that the submissions from community groups and experts have helped inform Australia's approach in supporting a cessation of violence and a return to democratic rule in Myanmar.

"Last month we heard from a wide range of diaspora groups, human rights organisations and leading experts who shed light on the deeply concerning developments in Myanmar. With ASEAN having now assumed a diplomatic role in resolving this crisis, the Subcommittee is keen to hear from Australian government departments about how we can best support ASEAN efforts to restore civilian rule in Myanmar."

Further information about the inquiry can be found on the **Committee's website**.

Public hearing details

Date: Thursday 13 May 2021 Time: 11.00am to 12.30pm AEST

Location: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

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

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