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### HUMAN RIGHTS SUB-COMMITTEE

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

Inquiry into organ trafficking and organ transplant tourism

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Issue date: Monday 25 June 2018

## LAW COUNCIL TO DISCUSS HUMAN ORGAN TRAFFICKING

Could Australia's legal and policy frameworks be strengthened to better protect Australians from the risks of organ trafficking and organ transplant tourism?

This question will be discussed by the federal parliament's [Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade](#) at a public hearing in Canberra by the Human Rights Sub-Committee. The Chair of the Human Rights Sub-Committee, Mr Kevin Andrews MP, said the Sub-Committee welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Law Council of Australia.

"The Sub-Committee is concerned by reports that the worldwide demand for organ transplants is driving a growing black market in human organs," Mr Andrews said. "The Sub-Committee is particularly concerned that Australians may be placing themselves and others at significant risk by travelling overseas for organ transplants. The Sub-Committee looks forward to discussing what Australia could do to better address organ trafficking here and overseas."

The program for the hearing is available from the [inquiry website](#).

Public hearing details:

**Date:** Tuesday 26 June 2018

**Time:** 12:30pm to 1.30pm

**Location:** Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

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