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Inquiry into antisemitism at Australian universities

On 29 October 2024, pursuant to the section 7(c) of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*, the Attorney-General asked the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights (the committee) to inquire into, and report on antisemitism at Australian universities, specifically:

- the prevalence, nature and experiences of antisemitic activity at universities;
- university frameworks for the prevention of, and response to, antisemitism at universities, including rules, policies and other measures introduced to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and academics;
- the effectiveness and adequacy of those frameworks;
- the support provided to students, staff and academics experiencing antisemitism at universities;
- international experiences and best practices in dealing with antisemitic activity at universities;
- what policy or regulatory changes are required to better address and prevent antisemitism at universities; and
- any other relevant matters.

The committee invites submissions by 20 December 2024 in relation to these matters.

Committee Chair, Mr Josh Burns MP said:

“We have seen Jewish students and staff stand on the frontline of antisemitism in this country. The status quo of students and staff hiding their identity is unacceptable. We will conduct this inquiry with urgency and will seek evidence regarding the changes that need to be made to the University sector to ensure the rights of all students and staff are protected. Universities must provide a safe place for all students and staff on their campuses.”

The committee will seek further information from selected participants at public hearings between November 2024 and January 2025.

Important information about making submissions and details for the public hearings will be available on the committee's inquiry webpage.

The committee is due to report to both Houses of the Parliament by **31 March 2025**.

7 November 2024

For further information: Please visit the committee's [website](http://www.aph.gov.au/joint_humanrights) or contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 3575 or by email to uni.inquiry@aph.gov.au.