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### Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth

Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Indonesia

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## Committee to hold first public hearing

The Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth will hold its first public hearing in Canberra tomorrow.

The committee is inquiring into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Indonesia.

The Department of Education and Training will appear before the committee to discuss the education sector.

This is an important sector, which contributed over \$19 billion to Australia's economy in 2015-16 through the export of education-related services, which are one of Australia's largest service exports. Further, Indonesia is our eighth largest source country for international students, contributing \$619 million into our economy.

Education is, therefore, a vital component to Australia's overall trade, and, an area where growth opportunities should be examined.

Chair of the Committee, Mr Ken O'Dowd said, "In addition, there are broader social and cultural benefits of international education including developing a skilled workforce, international collaboration, opening up new markets for Australian businesses, and building cultural awareness."

Public hearing details:

Date: Thursday, 9 February 2017

Time: 9.10 am

Location: Committee room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra.

The hearing will be audio webcast live on: [www.aph.gov.au/live](http://www.aph.gov.au/live)

Members of the public are welcome to attend. For a program and more details, visit the committee's website: <http://www.aph.gov.au/jstig>

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