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## MEDIA RELEASE

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue  
Inquiry into the 2016 Annual Report of the Australian Taxation Office

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## Tax Time 2016 under review: Building compliance and confidence in our tax system

The House Tax and Revenue Committee will this week hear from the Australian Tax Commissioner and the Inspector-General of Taxation in its review of the performance of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) over 2015–16. The meeting will start with evidence from the Council of Small Business Australia, the peak body which exclusively represents the interests of small business.

The Committee Chair Mr Kevin Hogan MP said, “The ATO is undergoing a major reinvention process, aiming to both increase voluntary compliance and enhance the community’s confidence in the fairness of our tax and superannuation systems. At the Committee’s last public hearing, tax professionals welcomed a developing sense of partnership with the ATO in advancing these goals, while the ATO’s submission also reported technical successes with its online myTax/etax lodgements up nine per cent on last tax time (as at October 2016)”.

“On Wednesday, the Committee will take evidence from the Tax Commissioner and ATO officials about the measures being deployed to improve willing compliance across the whole community—from small to very large business, and individuals, while the Inspector-General of Taxation and his Deputy will be invited to discuss the fairness and efficiencies of the ATO’s debt collection processes, and related matters,” Mr Hogan said.

Public Hearing Program  
Wednesday, 30 November 2016  
Committee Room 2R1, PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Time	Organisations
4.10pm	Council of Small Business Australia
4.40pm	Australian Tax Commissioner and Officials
5.30pm	Inspector–General of Taxation and Deputy
6.10pm	Close

The hearing will be broadcast live at: [www.aph.gov.au/News\\_and\\_Events/Watch\\_Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)

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