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

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REVIEW OF THE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ATO

The House Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue has commenced its annual review of the Australian Taxation Office's 2015-16 Annual Report, which will focus on topics including:

- The Australian Taxation Office's reform program for taxpayer engagement;
- The ATO's progress on new technology projects (including uptake of myTax, status of pre-filing processes, lodgement arrangements and communication methods); and
- Relationships with tax practitioners—including the new tax agent portal and costs for tax practitioners adopting the Taxation Office's new technology.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Kevin Hogan MP, stated that the review provides a key opportunity for the Tax and Revenue Committee to consider the Taxation Office's administration and outreach, and to examine developments. He said "These regular review inquiries inform the Parliament of the Taxation Office's current programs, administration and liaison methods—and importantly can feed into improvements in the Tax Office's functions and administration and of the operation of the tax system more generally."

The Committee will conduct hearings with the Taxation Commissioner, Inspector General of Taxation and tax advisory bodies in November 2016. Submissions addressing the focus topics are requested to be lodged by 30 November 2016.

Further details about the inquiry, including the full list of topics to be examined, and how to contribute, can be obtained from the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/taxrev or by contacting the Committee secretariat on 02 6277 4821 or emailing TaxRev.reps@aph.gov.au [Track this inquiry](#)

The 2016 Annual Report of the Australian Taxation Office is available at:
<https://www.ato.gov.au/about-ato/access,-accountability-and-reporting/reporting-to-parliament/annual-report/>

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