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JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

Inquiry into the Government Procurement Framework

Issue date: Wednesday, 19 April 2017

Government procurement hearing in Melbourne

19 APRIL 2017

The [Joint Select Committee on Government Procurement](#) is conducting a public hearing in Melbourne today to discuss the new Commonwealth Procurement Rules with a range of stakeholders.

The revised rules, which came into effect on 1 March 2017, require that goods and services comply with Australian standards, adhere to labour regulations, OH&S laws and environmental standards, meet our international trade obligations and consider the economic benefit of the procurement to the Australian economy.

Committee Chair, [Senator Nick Xenophon](#) said it was important to road test the Commonwealth Procurement Rules with industry and community.

“It is important that Government procurement practices benefit the Australian community in terms of value for money and economic benefit, and that procurement decisions meet Australian laws and standards where they exist,” Senator Xenophon said.

“However, we need to effectively implement these new rules without introducing additional red-tape that will create hardship, particularly for small and medium enterprises. By hearing first-hand from industry, community groups and unions we can identify possible problems relating to the effective implementation of these rules.”

The Committee will hear from representatives from the following individuals and organisations:

Program: Wednesday 19 April 2017, Melbourne

9.15 am	Joint Academic and Civil Society Group
10.00 am	South Coast Labour Council
10.45 am	Mr Robert Schweitzer
11.30 am	Professionals Australia
12.15 pm	Lunch
1.15 pm	Rossi Boots
2.00 pm	Consult Australia (<i>via teleconference</i>)



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- 2.45 pm Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU)
- 3.30 pm Textile Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia (TCFUA)
- 4.15 pm Council of Textiles and Fashion
- 5.00 pm Close

A downloadable public hearing program and inquiry Terms of Reference are available on the Committee's [website](#).

Public hearing details:

Time: 9.15 am – 5.00 pm

Date: Wednesday, 19 April 2017

Location: Meeting Room G1, 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne

[Live Webcast \(Audio only\)](#)

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