



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Defence Sub Committee

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Senator Mark Furner
Deputy: Dr Dennis Jensen MP

Inquiry into care of Australian Defence Force personnel wounded and injured on operations

Public Hearing on Tuesday 5 February

Tomorrow retired Major General John Cantwell AO DSC will appear before the parliamentary inquiry into the care of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel wounded and injured on operations. General Cantwell will discuss his personal war with post-traumatic stress disorder and depression as result of his experiences on operations with the ADF over more than two decades.

The chair of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator Mark Furner, said the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade was extremely interested in hearing in person about General Cantwell's ongoing journey to recovery.

"I was moved by General Cantwell's book *Exit Wounds*; of his story of sadness and guilt over what he has seen and experienced on multiple operations over an illustrious career, including recently in overall Command of our soldiers, sailors and airmen serving across the Middle East. I believe General Cantwell can make a significant contribution to the Committee's understanding of the problems faced by our wounded and injured servicemen, and not just those with physical scars", Senator Furner said.

Program

5.30pm – 6.30pm Tuesday, 5 February 2013
Committee Room 1R1, Australian Parliament House, Canberra

The public hearing will be audio webcast live
on: [http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)
Terms of reference for the inquiry and submissions can be found
at: www.aph.gov.au/jfadt

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