



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

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

Chair: Senator Alan Ferguson  
Sub Comm. Chair: Senator Marise Payne

## ***Australia's relations with Korea— Public Hearings Begin***

Australia's relationship with the Republic of Korea, and developments on the Korean peninsula, will be the focus of attention when Parliament's Foreign Affairs Sub Committee begins public hearings on its new inquiry in Canberra on Wednesday, 31 August and Thursday, 1 September.

The Committee is reviewing the extent of the political, strategic, economic, social and cultural relationship, and is considering both the current situation and opportunities for the future.

Announcing the public hearings, the Sub Committee Chair, Senator Marise Payne said, "An important theme identified in submissions is the need for cross-cultural understanding. Such understanding will assist Australian companies wishing to break into the Korean market and enhance the success of Korean companies trading with Australia, and the experiences of Koreans visiting Australia."

"The Committee is pleased that the Ambassador from the Republic of Korea will be attending the hearing, and is keen to hear his insights on ways to promote links between our two countries."

The Committee will also take evidence from Commonwealth departments and organisations on how they promote Australia's relations with the Republic of Korea.

On the second day there will be two roundtable discussions; the first focusing on scientific exchanges between the Republic of Korea and Australia, and the second focusing on developments on the Korean peninsula.

"Developments on the Korean peninsula have been included in the terms of reference because they have the potential to impact seriously on regional trade, stability and security," Senator Payne said.

The program for the two days of public hearings is attached.

The public hearing program will continue with hearings in Sydney on Tuesday, 20 September and in Melbourne on Wednesday, 21 September. Submissions received by the Committee and transcripts of the public hearings will be available on the Committee's website.

**For media inquiries**, contact the Sub Committee Chair, Senator Marise Payne, on 02 6277 3810 or 02 9893 5151.

**For all other inquiries**, contact the Sub Committee Secretary, John Carter, on 02 6277 4306 or visit the committee website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/reports.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/reports.htm)

# **Inquiry into Australia's relationship with the Republic of Korea; and developments on the Korean peninsula**

**Committee Room 2R1, Second Floor, Parliament House, Canberra**

## **Public Hearing Program**

**Wednesday, 31 August 2005**

<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</b>
<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10.55 am</b>	<b>Embassy, Republic of Korea</b>
<b>11.35 am</b>	<b>Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources</b>
<b>12.05 pm</b>	<b>Department of Education Science and Training</b>
<b>12.45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1.45 pm</b>	<b>Department of Communications, IT and the Arts</b>
<b>2.25 pm</b>	<b>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</b>
<b>2.55 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3.05 pm</b>	<b>Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs</b>
<b>3.55 pm</b>	<b>Qld Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries</b>
<b>4.50 pm</b>	<b>Close</b>

**Thursday, 1 September 2005**

<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Round Table Hearing:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</b></li><li>▪ <b>Australian Academy of Science</b></li><li>▪ <b>Australian Research Council</b></li></ul>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Australian Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association Limited</b>
<b>10.40 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10.50 am</b>	<b>Canberra Strategic Marketing</b>
<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Department of Defence</b>
<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>Round Table Hearing—Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies</b>
<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Close</b>