



## Public hearing on obtaining passenger name data from the EU and the Kyoto Protocol

On Monday 22 September, the Federal Parliament's Treaties Committee will hear evidence on the Agreement on the Processing and Transfer of Passenger Name Record Data from the EU, and the Kyoto Protocol.

The Agreement on the Processing and Transfer of Passenger Name Record Data from the EU will allow the Australian Customs Service access to information on passengers travelling on EU-based airlines.

The Agreement will enable the Australian Customs Service to identify persons of interest in the context of counterterrorism, drug trafficking, identity fraud, people smuggling, and other serious crimes – something the Customs Service has been able to do with passengers arriving from other parts of the world for some time.

The Committee will also hear from the Australian Industry Greenhouse Network (AIGN) as part of the Committee's inquiry into the Kyoto Protocol.

AIGN represents a number of industry groups and businesses with an interest in greenhouse gas emissions policy.

AIGN's members have significant experience in carbon trading and greenhouse gas reduction measures throughout the world. The Committee will be seeking to draw on this experience in the context of Australia's implementation of the Kyoto Protocol and Australia's approach to the Kyoto Protocol's successor agreements.

The Committee will also be seeking to explore the AIGN's views on the impact a national carbon trading scheme will have on Australian industry.

### **PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM 10.00 am-12.00 pm, Monday, 22 September 2008**

*Venue:* Committee Room 2R1, 2nd floor, Parliament House, Canberra

- 10:00am**      **Agreement with the European Union on the Processing and Transfer of European Union-Sourced Passenger Name Record Data by Air Carriers to the Australian Customs Service;**
- 10:30am**      **Kyoto Protocol – Australian Industry Greenhouse Network.**

The public hearing will be broadcast on the House Monitoring Service, radio and webcast live on the Parliament House website at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.  
Further information is available on the Committee's website: [www.aph.gov.au/jsct](http://www.aph.gov.au/jsct)

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