MEDIA RELEASE

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Are there enough shops in the Parliamentary Triangle?

The impending introduction of pay parking on National Land has highlighted the issue of the provision of amenity in the Parliamentary Triangle and adjacent areas. These areas contain a number of national institutions and government departments, employing a large number of people and receiving a large number of visitors, but feature little by way of services or retail outlets.

The Parliament's National Capital Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday 11 June**, from **1.00pm**, as part of its inquiry into the provision of amenity in the Parliamentary Triangle.

The public hearing will be held in **Committee Room 2S1**, Parliament House Canberra.

Appearing before the Committee will be:

- National Capital Authority
- Community and Public Sector Union
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Questacon
- National Gallery of Australia
- Department of Parliamentary Services
- Doma Group

Committee Chair, Senator Louise Pratt, stated that "the Committee is keen to consider community concerns that workers in the Parliamentary Triangle and surrounding areas are disadvantaged when it comes to access to services and retail outlets. The Commonwealth can't ignore the need for these services considering the large number of people who work in this precinct. This lack of amenity has certainly been a justification for free parking in the past."

PUBLIC HEARING—Canberra, Tuesday 11 June 2013

WHERE: Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra
WHEN: Tuesday 11 June 2013, 1.00pm–5.00pm
WEBCAST: **http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/**

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