



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee

MEDIA ALERT

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Senior foreign affairs and trade experts in the spotlight

Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee will tomorrow (Tuesday 21 May) hold a public hearing with senior managers from the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio.

The hearing will examine:

- the situation in the Middle East;
- recent attempts to build Australia's trade links with South America;
- developments in Australia's relations with China, Japan, the Korean Peninsula, Pakistan and India;
- relations with our more immediate neighbours including Indonesia, East Timor, the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Papua New Guinea, as well as Burma, Cambodia and Vietnam.

Recent developments in Australia's foreign relations, trade and investment performance, overseas aid programs and international human rights record in all these areas will come under the spotlight.

The Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade is chaired by the Hon David Jull MP.

HEARING DETAILS

DATE: Tuesday 21 May 2002
TIME: 9.00am to 4.30pm
PLACE: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

9.00 - 9.45	Update on the Middle East
9.45 - 10.00	Follow up to the Committee's report on trade with South America
10.00 - 10.45	China, Taiwan
10.45 - 11.30	Japan, the Korean Peninsula
11.30 - 12.15	South Asia (Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh)
1.15 - 2.00	Indonesia
2.00 - 2.30	East Timor
2.30 - 3.30	Nations of the south-west Pacific region
3.30 - 4.30	Burma, Cambodia, Vietnam

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