JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES

Report 81 – **Nuclear transfer and safeguard agreements with China**

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 5 December 2006

Chair: Dr Andrew Southcott MP
Deputy Chair: Mr Kim Wilkie MP

Tabling of China Uranium treaties report

Chair of the Federal Parliament's Treaties Committee Andrew Southcott MP will present Report 81 to the House of Representatives after 9.00 am on Wednesday, 6 December. Report 81 includes the Committee's findings and recommendations on two treaties that would allow for the sale of Australian uranium to China.

The Committee received 33 submissions from across Australia both in favour of and against the treaties. These included submissions from: uranium mining industry representatives, environmental organisations, anti-nuclear organisations and private individuals. The Committee also conducted public hearings in Canberra, Adelaide, Perth and Melbourne.

The Committee received evidence that with an estimated 36 per cent of the world's low-cost recoverable uranium deposits, Australia is well-placed to expand its uranium exports and meet China's long-term uranium demands which are expected to quadruple by 2020. In addition, the Committee received evidence regarding the estimated impact of the treaties on Australia's uranium industry and the adequacy of Australian nuclear safeguards.

Report 81 will be available on the Committee's website after it is tabled in Parliament at: http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/report.htm or by contacting the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4002. Copies of Report 81 will also be available at the Press Conference.

Press Conference

Date: **Wednesday, 6 December 2006**

Time: **11.15 am**

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

Webcast: Live (audio only) on **http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/.**

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